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U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary Tony Babauta said yesterday that November 2011—when the CNMI-issued umbrella permits expire—is not doomsday and will not result in the mass exit of legal foreign workers that help fuel the economy.

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## Forum helps OIA create program to grow NMI economy

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REPORTER

Some 120 employers, employees, government officials, and other stakeholders brainstormed for hours yesterday to help the U.S. Interior's Office of Insular Affairs develop a technical assistance program that will aid the CNMI in diversifying and growing its economy at a time when it is transitioning to a federal im-

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Alex R. Munson, the federal judge who presided over the 2009 trial of former lieutenant governor Timothy Villagomez and couple James and Joaquina Santos, took the witness stand yesterday to refute allegations that he excluded the public during the trial's jury selection.

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### FEDERAL DOLLARS

U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary Tony Babauta, center, announces the award of \$620,000 in Office of Insular Affairs funding for the Commonwealth Health Center, Rota Health Center, Tinian Health Center, and the Tinian harbor, during an OIA-hosted forum on economic and labor development at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan yesterday. From left, Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola, Babauta, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan. **See story on Page 3.**

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## Local

# Lamar leads OES' roster of outstanding personnel

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The Oleai Elementary School has named four individuals who will vie for the overall titles in the Public School System-wide search for outstanding employees in 2010.

Named as the school's teacher of the year is Roxie Lamar, while Patricia Mendoza and Eugene Tabahan were named counselor of the year and teacher aide of the year, respectively. Eduardo Cordero was chosen as support staff of the year.

Lamar has been a second

grade teacher at OES for the past 11 years. Her passion for teaching and for nurturing students continues to drive her. Besides being a classroom teacher, she has served other roles such as grade level representative for second grade, Faculty Club member, Focus A chairperson for accreditation, and coach for the boys and girls soccer team. She has also offered her free time to tutor students who need extra help.

Lamar has been very active in other community events such as the American Red Cross and NMI Football Club. Her col-



Lamar



Mendoza



Tabahan



Cordero

leagues commend her drive to keep developing her teaching style. She continues to adopt research-based instructional strategies to enhance and reinforce instruction in the classroom. She attends workshops that will improve her instructional strategies for the benefit of all her students in the classroom and is pro-active in being current with

research-best instruction strategies.

Tabahan has been with OES for four years. He is in the Troops-to-Teachers program and has been assigned to the Special Education Department, P.E., and Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program. He has worked with students diagnosed with autism and ADHD and is currently assisting one of OES'

deaf students.

His colleagues describe him as a dedicated, responsible, and trusted person. He has also been commended for his punctuality and attendance record. Being a member of the Troops-to-Teacher program, he is also a member of the U.S. Army Reserve Unit and has represented the country in Iraq and Kuwait. He is currently enrolled at NMC, pursuing a teaching degree. With a willingness to handle challenges given to him at work and in the military, Tabahan has shown an eagerness to learn from his colleagues and the expectations given to him.

Mendoza is the school's counselor of the year awardee. She has been working for PSS since 2002 as a counselor at Hopwood Junior High School. She joined OES in 2009. Since then, Men-

doza has been pro-active in introducing the counseling program to all OES teachers and students. Her willingness to listen to students is her greatest strength and has partnered with teachers to ensure that the school's goal of nurturing students to become productive members of the community is met. Mendoza has spearheaded Parent Literacy Night, Parent Summit, and Reading with the Stars.

Cordero has been a member of the Turtle Family since 2000. He believes that the physical environment of the school must be as important as the classroom environment. Every day before he leaves, he cleans and prepares the school grounds and facility for the next day. Among his important tasks are building benches for students around the campus, trimming overgrown trees, and beautifying the campus by planting flowering plants around the site.

## Jury trial of 3 Kagman rape suspects reset anew

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has rescheduled again the jury trial of three of four persons who've been charged in the kidnapping and rape of a 16-year-old student in Kagman.

Wiseman set the new trial date of suspects Alfred P. Hocog, Joseph C. Camacho Jr., and Ivan Jones Castro to Jan. 3, 2011.

Wiseman issued the new schedule after conferring with the lawyers representing the government and the suspects.

The original trial date was set for Nov. 8, 2010. Last month, the judge rereset the jury trial to

Jan. 10, 2011.

Last month, suspect Angel Jess Santos signed a plea agreement with the government and pleaded guilty.

Santos' sentencing will be held one week after the trial, if there is any, of the co-defendants Hocog, Camacho, and Castro.

Police said the victim was walking toward Kagman High School when one suspect blocked her path on June 16, 2010. One grabbed her and beat her up repeatedly. The girl was taken to Tank Beach where she was reportedly raped. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

### BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### REGULATORY MATTERS CONCERNING COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION AND MICRONESIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION DOCKETS 09-1 & 09-3

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Commission will conduct a public hearing, which will commence at 10:00 p.m. on Friday November 12, 2010 at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's conference room in the Family Building Garapan to consider the following regulatory matters concerning the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation [CUC] and the Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation [MTC]:

1. CUC's October 25, 2010 petition for affirmation of its current unmetered wastewater tariff practices.
2. CUC's status reports on its efforts to: a) retain a risk management consultant to assist in developing a strategy regarding potential oil spills; b) mitigate non-technical line losses; and c) install meters for all residential and commercial water customers.
3. A stipulation between MTC and the Commission's regulatory consultant, which recommends terms for the resolution of the Commission's section 8421[a] review of MTC's local rates.
4. A proposed administrative order, which would establish a protocol for the annual review and certification of eligible telecommunications carriers' entitlement to federal high cost funding. A copy of the proposed order is posted on the Chamber's website.

Persons who desire to formally participate in the hearing pursuant to 4 CMC §8409(j) should on or before November 8, 2010 file with the Commission at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce offices an application and offer of proof in accordance with §8409(j) and Commission Procedural Rule 11(c). Further information about the public hearing and the public's right to participate may be obtained from Commissioner Calabrese at 670-233-7150.

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# OIA awards \$620K for NMI health centers and Tinian harbor

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U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary Tony Babauta signed yesterday afternoon a total of \$620,000 in Office of Insular Affairs funding for the three government health centers on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, as well as for emergency repairs to the Tinian harbor.

Babauta made the announcement and signing during the OIA-sponsored forum on economic and labor development.

He called to the front of the forum Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz and Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola for the funding award.

Of the total amount, \$220,000 was awarded through OIA's technical assistance program to provide for revenue cycle improvements, including addressing issues with medical records, at the Commonwealth Health Center, Rota Health Center and

Tinian Health Center.

Fitial made the request in August for this funding.

The \$400,000, meanwhile, is a "redirection" of a previously awarded capital improvement project grant funding from the Tinian Airport Instrument Landing System project to make "emergency repairs to Tinian harbor's fuel dock to ensure that fuel delivery is not interrupted, especially during inclement weather," Babauta said in a letter to Fitial.

Fitial was also the one who asked for the redirection of this funding.

Dela Cruz, who was among the over 100 people who attended the OIA forum in the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan, said every time Babauta comes around this part of the region, "he brings money."

The Tinian mayor said he had asked Babauta for OIA assistance in designating the Tinian seaport as a Defense Access

Seaport so that it could receive U.S. Department of Defense funding.

"Today, he surprised me with this funding to dust off the study made by the Army Corps for the harbor. This is a first step. But during the time the Army Corps did the study, they found out that it will cost some \$50 million to repair the whole Tinian harbor. Today the cost may have gone up tremendously. The seawall us completely damaged," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said the redirected OIA funding will only be for emergency and immediate repairs to the harbor, and not for major ones. He thanked Babauta, Fitial and Sablan for helping Tinian keep the funding for its projects.

## \$320K scholarship checks for on-island scholars out today

Over 300 scholars enrolled at the Northern Marianas College can now breath a sigh of relief after the CNMI Scholarship Office confirmed yesterday that it received the checks from the CNMI Treasury on Monday and these were turned over to NMC yesterday for distribution.

Due to NMC's own procedures, however, scholars will only get their checks this Friday, said administrator Merissa Rasa. Each scholar will get an average of \$2,100 for the semester.

The scholarship checks have been delayed for more than a month.

Rasa said checks worth over

\$320,000 are intended for the first batch of on-island scholars under the education assistance program, totaling 315 beneficiaries, all enrolled at NMC.

Rasa said there are still 115 to 200 checks for on-island recipients that would be released later as part of the second batch of EAP scholarship.

There are still pending checks for off-island scholars but Rasa could not give an exact date for its release.

"We're still waiting for that. But we can't give an estimate date on its release because even us, we still need to follow them up at the Treasury," explained Rasa. (*Moneth Deposa*)

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### Head Start Policy Council Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a meeting on November 17, 2010 (Wednesday) from 5:30pm-7:30pm, Tanapag Head Start Center Resource Room, Saipan.

- I. Preliminary Matters
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Quorum
  4. Adoption of Agenda
  5. Adoption of Minutes: October 28, 2010
- II. Public Comments
- III. Communications
  1. From the State Board of Education
  2. From the Office of Head Start
- IV. Monthly Reports
  1. Director
  2. Managers
  3. Finance
- V. Old Business
  1. Tabled Items
    - a. Meeting Schedules
    - b. Appointments of Council Standing Committees
      - b1. Personnel
      - b2. Education
      - b3. Executive
      - b4. Finance
      - b5. Public Relations
    - c. Confirmation of Community Representatives
- VI. New Business
- VII. Executive Session
- VIII. Next Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7), the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. Public Comments are limited to 15 minutes; therefore comments are limited to 3 minutes each.

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Candace Q. Celis at 664-3761; several days notice is required.

/s/ Mr. Anthony Barcinas  
Chairperson

## NMC sets free Cash for College workshop

The Northern Marianas College and the College Access Challenge Project will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop that is aimed at assisting students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop is on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

The workshop will also give participants the opportunity to receive application fee and placement test

fee waivers for the Spring 2011 semester—a savings of up to \$75. Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2008 and 2009, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport, a voter registration card, and proof of vote cast.

For more information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 ext. 1526 or email daisym@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

## NOVEMBER

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Although U.S. immigration law now applies to the CNMI beginning Nov. 28, 2009, the CNMI will still undergo a transition period with temporary measures ending Dec. 31, 2014.

This allows for an orderly transition and gives individuals time to identify an appropriate visa classification under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

"I would like to think that we will do all we can for the CNMI economy, to make sure that there's continuity, and part of that is the presence of a large guest worker population," Babauta told reporters during the lunch break in yesterday's Office of Insular Affairs-sponsored forum on economic and labor development.

Employers and employees in the CNMI have been asking the federal government to issue the regulations on foreign investor and foreign worker visa program, almost a year after federalization.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is still working on these two sets of regulations, Babauta said.

OIA's invitation-only forum wrapped up some two hours before foreign workers and their supporters held a prayer vigil at the American Memorial Park to call the attention of the federal government to their request for improved immigration status.

Babauta said "for a long time, the federal government has paid attention to the issues that foreign workers have had."

The workers, in an online petition, are also asking President Barack Obama to grant a parole-in-place status with authorization to seek employment and to allow them to qualify for employment-based visa applications "until such time as a more permanent status is provided" to them by the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. State Department, or the U.S. Labor Department.

Babauta said the foreign workers are very well organized, and can communicate their messages well.

"I don't know if there will be mass exodus of workers. I think for our part, we are trying to ensure that the workers that are needed by the economy in the CNMI—which was clear in November 2009

because they're still here and they have a legal status—can continue [to remain] as the CNMI continues to go through this transition," he said.

The Consolidated Natural Resources Act, the law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control, allows for an extension of the transition period.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial asked a congressional panel in September for such an extension from the end of 2014 to the end of 2019. U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) also asked for an extension of the transition period.

"I know the governor and Congressman Sablan have asked for that and that's something we continue to discuss with our sister agencies," Babauta said.

This is Babauta's first visit to Saipan since April when he presented the Fitial administration with a copy of an Interior report to the U.S. Congress recommending improved immigration status to foreign workers who have been in the CNMI for at least five years.

The Fitial administration strongly opposed the report, citing among other things a lack of proper consultation with him or the CNMI government.

## FORUM

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migration system.

OIA's invitation-only forum on economic and labor development was held at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan. It served as an initial phase in the process of developing an OIA technical assistance program.

Forum participants were reminded of the Fitial administration's 2009 Economic Restoration Summit wherein they identified four industries that will diversify the local economy: agriculture, aquaculture, call centers, and tourism.

Tony Babauta, U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, said in his remarks at the forum that a strategy needs to be developed to put the CNMI economy back on the path to recovery and sustainability.

"This [development of strategy] requires fresh, innovative and creative solutions and not a history lesson on how the CNMI arrived at its present state," he said.

He said the results of the discussions will give OIA input to "develop a technical assistance program that meets the

challenges identified to diversify and grow the CNMI economy back to vitality."

"More importantly, whatever effort we embark on to spur sustainable economic growth will necessitate initiatives that focus on the importance of education, ensuring our communities are equipped with the necessary tools to compete in our ever evolving economy," he added.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, in his welcoming remarks, said the CNMI, now more than ever, must take advantage of available opportunities such as this forum and other future economically-driven conferences or summits.

"There is hope for our Commonwealth," he said.

But he said absent any set of worker and investor visa regulations, the CNMI will face immense challenges in terms of its access to foreign workers in order to further grow the economy.

Newly re-elected Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, who was at the VIP table with Babauta and Fitial, did not deliver remarks but said in an interview he will help where he can and this could mean legislative funding to move economic

projects forward.

With Steve Medlin of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School in Hawaii as facilitator, forum participants were broken into at least 13 small discussion groups to identify the industries that are potential for growth in the CNMI, and the technical assistance that Interior can provide to develop these industries and related economic opportunities.

Many forum discussion groups identified tourism, agriculture/aquaculture, and alternative or renewable energy, among other things.

They said OIA can help grow these industries by looking into the feasibility of having high-speed ferry between Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam or asking the U.S. military to provide air transportation for local produce that the CNMI can provide to the military in Guam.

They said an efficient interisland transportation among these four major islands will also facilitate the travel of military personnel and their dependents to the CNMI for rest and recreation, especially during the buildup.

Babauta, in an interview with reporters later, said issues like shipping and

transportation don't fall within the realm of technical assistance program but that doesn't mean these issues will be completely dropped by the wayside.

He said he's glad that the governor and the delegate were on hand during the forum.

"It's a smorgasbord of issues that are being thrown out. I think what we're going to do is take the priorities that fit within the technical assistance program and we'll put together... a program, try to quantify it, figure out how much it costs, figure out how we can implement it when we can implement it," Babauta told reporters.

Carlos H. Salas, who came to Saipan for the forum, said the forum provides an opportunity to explore options for economic development. Salas, who is originally from Saipan, said his heart goes out to the CNMI people who have been dealing with work hour cuts and fewer business activities.

He said he's hoping the military buildup in Guam would have a positive impact on the CNMI. Salas is a former executive director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority and former executive manager of the Guam Inter-

national Airport Authority. He is now a private consultant on aviation and maritime related services.

"I am also here to see where I can assist the local government, businesses and the people, by advancing opportunities and programs achievable through DOI's help," he added.

Juan I. Tenorio, human resource manager at Hafa Adai Hotel in Garapan, said hotels have been hit hard by the economic recession and his participation in the forum will give him a chance to look at other ways to invigorate the hotel business.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), chair of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, said the discussions simply helped OIA figure out the kind of technical assistance program it will provide the CNMI.

Steve Jang, owner of Rainbow Color, said he's hoping that there will be better communication between the local and federal government, and that they two will work collaboratively.

The forum comes at a time when the CNMO economy is still reeling from the death of the garment industry and the pullout of Japan Airlines.

## ONLY

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CNMI Scholarship Office administrator Merissa Rasa said the problem is compounded by the fact that there is only one person who handles the collection and sends out default notices to these students.

The CNMI Scholarship Office offers teachers and honor students scholarship programs, as well as student loans. All these scholarship programs are actually loans that recipients must pay back after graduation.

She insists that her office has never failed to mail out billing notices to those who have defaulted on their stu-

dent loans.

The CNMI government sets aside some \$3 million each year to help scholars obtain degrees here and abroad. The fund comes from CNMI poker fees and licenses.

Under the scholarship agreement, scholars would repay the financial assistance extended by the NMI Scholarship Office once they complete their college studies and return home to work in either the government or private sectors.

Rasa said these provisions have been ignored and violated by many recipients.

"We have been sending out billing notices to those who haven't been paying and are still due to pay. It [issuing of notices] never stopped. But we only

received a few responses [from these notices]," said Rasa yesterday.

Of the 200 notices recently sent out to teacher scholars, the Scholarship Office received responses from less than 10.

The office's efforts to run after these students on default recently slowed down, Rasa said, due to a lack of resources. There is only one person in charge of both sending out the notices and collecting payments.

"For 4,000 scholars, we have only one person working on it," she said. "We haven't done any collection from those who have defaulted on their EAP." The honors scholarship program is also known as the education assistance program, or EAP.

For the teachers' scholarship, for ex-

ample, Rasa said not all of them are in default but the Scholarship Office still needs to send them notices because they have failed to report back on their status after the semester.

In past years, Rasa said, she had turned to the Public School System to get the listing of students due to the lack of information and communication with scholars.

"Before, we go to PSS and get the listings of those who are already working. But now I don't have the time to do that because we lack the resources," she added.

Lately, there have been encouraging signs. Rasa said she is seeing a positive trend this year where the number of responses from scholars has increased.

Marshals Service; deputy U.S. Marshal David Anthony Punzalan, lead court security Edwin Atalig, and court security officer for the U.S. Marshals Service Francisco Babauta.

These witnesses corroborated Munson's testimony that there was no court order that excluded the public from the jury selection and the trial itself.

Leilani Lujan, Victorino Torres and Ramon Quichocho, lawyers for Villagomez, James Santos, and Joaquina Santos respectively, did the cross-examination.

## MUNSON

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Retired and now residing in Idaho, Munson testified via videoconference at the start of the evidentiary hearing that seeks to determine whether or not he directed the public to be excluded from the jury selection.

As witness for the U.S. government, Munson told Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric O'Malley that he did not issue an order closing the court during the jury

selection and throughout the trial of Villagomez and the Santos couple.

Munson said it has never been his policy to close the court to the public during trials.

The hearing, held at the U.S. District Court for the NMI, was attended by mostly family members and supporters of Villagomez and the Santos.

The Villagomez trial began on March 30, 2009, and ended on April 24, 2009, with a finding that Villagomez and the Santos were guilty of conspiring to bloat the prices and requisition of the

descaling agent Rydlyme for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

On Aug. 5, 2009, Munson sentenced Villagomez to seven years and three months in prison. James A. Santos and Joaquina V. Santos got six months each for their involvement in the scheme. They are now serving their sentences in federal prison. They appealed to reverse many of the court's orders.

At yesterday's hearing, O'Malley also called to the witness stand Calvert Wolfgang, senior inspector for the U.S.

The defendants' were allowed to call one of their witnesses, Matteo Santos, a brother of James Santos. He testified that he was one of the prospective jurors but was excused due to his relationship with his brother.

Matteo Santos testified that only the prospective jurors were allowed inside the courtroom during jury selection.

The hearing will continue today Wednesday at 8:30am.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark W. Bennett is presiding over the hearing.

# Palacios backpedals on Frica as LB chief

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Rep. Joseph M. Palacios (R-Saipan) has rescinded his signature on the appointment of former senator Maria "Frica" Pangelinan as Legislative Bureau director to replace Glenna SP. Reyes, whose contract is a subject of contention among lawmakers.

"It's about family value," Palacios told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday when asked for the reason behind his change of heart.

Palacios said Reyes is his niece, and Pangelinan is his aunt.

He informed House Speaker

Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) about his decision in an Oct. 27 letter, a few days after he signed off on Pangelinan's appointment letter.

"Your understanding and support is appreciated," Palacios told the speaker.

Tenorio had asked Reyes twice to vacate her office, saying her appointment and contract had already expired, but Reyes has stood her ground.

The speaker and nine other members of the House earlier signed Pangelinan's appointment, but Palacios later withdrew his support, bringing the number to eight.

Tenorio said he is planning to call for an oversight hearing on the LB directorship.

He reiterated that he is not firing Reyes, but the provisions in her contract say her contract is not renewed because there's no budget by Oct. 1. He also said that as a new Legislature, its leadership has the authority to appoint its own LB director.

The CNMI Constitution requires that the bureau director be appointed by the joint leadership of the Legislature consisting of the presiding officers, vice presiding officers, floor leaders, and the chairmen of the standing committees.

## Atalig is new student rep on BOE Teacher reps for private, public schools still vacant

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REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has appointed Jocelyn Atalig as the new students' representative to the Board of Education, effective immediately.

In his appointment letter, Fitial said he is pleased to choose Atalig as a non-voting member of the board. Her appointment does not require the advice and consent of the Senate.

Atalig's term of office will begin immediately and will last for the duration of her enrollment in public school or upon graduation.

Atalig is a student of Rota High School and succeeds Francine Babauta to the post.

"The Board of Education plays a vital role in ensuring the best education possible for our students. The lieutenant governor and I are confident that you will make a valuable contribution and we appreciate your willingness to serve and provide input from a student's point of view," Fitial told Atalig in his appointment letter.

Atalig's swearing-in is slated today on Rota where the board has conveniently scheduled a special meeting.

The selection of the students'

representative is rotated among Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The previous student representative was from Saipan Southern High School.

Two more non-voting positions are vacant pending the governor's appointment of representatives of public and private school teachers.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that no appointments have been made for the two positions yet.

The seat for teachers' representative for public schools became vacant in January 2008 after the expiration of Ambrose Bennett's term. The teachers' representative for private schools has been vacant since October last year when Scott Norman's tenure ended.



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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman yesterday underscored the need to create a program that will teach criminals about the penalties they face once they are caught.

"The factor of deterrence is what I submit could possibly be the best chance, if used effectively, to substantially reduce the increasing number of crimes being committed," said Wiseman in his presentation to members of the Saipan Rotary Club at Hyatt Regency Hotel's Giovanni's Restaurant.

He pointed out that people violating criminal laws almost in every case never know the severe penalty they would face under the law if caught and convicted. He said most criminals don't read newspapers.

Wiseman said this is true despite the federal and state governments, including the CNMI, having many laws that carry harsh penalties.

"The deterrent factor does not work if the people we need to deter do not know about it," he said.

The judge said there is a need to develop a program to broadcast

and publicize the deterrent factors in ways and in places that criminals will take notice of.

In cases of non-violent and non-serious offenders, Wiseman said the interests of society as a whole—as well as individual victims of crime—can continue to be served with the imposition of a short jail sentence or probation, along with other conditions such as fines, restitution, probation, and community service.

"The gain to society of probationers whose lives have been turned away from crime ultimately extends far beyond mere crime control. Offenders on probation can still be supervised at a fraction of the cost of incarcerating them," the judge said. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

## Lawyer cites cases of DPS promotions, favoritisms

Attorney Robert T. Torres has cited some cases to belie the Department of Public Safety's insistence that promotions continue to be prohibited at the department and that impartial hiring practices have been implemented.

As counsel for police Sgt. James C. Deleon Guerrero, Torres noted an undated request for personnel action for the promotion of Tarsicio K. Olopai from police sergeant "at pay step" to police captain.

Torres said that, on Oct. 13, 2010, a request for personnel action was issued concerning the reallocation of Josepha Takai from police officer III to police sergeant, with pay increase.

Another request for personnel action dated Oct. 13, 2010, involves the reallocation of Sandy B. Hambros from police officer III to police sergeant, with pay increase, and the "re-employment" of Servando C. Regis as police officer 2, he said.

Torres also cited an Oct. 26, 2010, grievance filed by officer Lupe Blas Repeki, who protested DPS' award of a federally funded driver's license technician position to the daughter of DPS deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogu-moro's common-law wife.

Repeki supposedly prevailed in the competitive selection process based on merit.

DPS had insisted that it is in compliance with the Personnel Service System Rules and Regulations and the Civil Service Act when it comes to salary/merit increases and promotions.

Deleon Guerrero is suing DPS to protest alleged discrimination in its promotion and hiring practices. Twenty-six other officers joined in his petition. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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**Veterans Day ceremony tomorrow**

The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Day Committee are inviting the community to the Veterans Day ceremony at the American Memorial Park's Court of Honor on Nov. 11, 2010, at 11am. The Pacific Winds Concert Band will begin with the pre-ceremonial music at 10:30am. The keynote speaker will be Capt. Ulysses Zalamea, chief of staff, Joint Region Marianas. Guest speaker is Lt. Cdr. Felton Gilmore of the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam. Cdr. Darren McPherson and the crew of the USS

*Sterett* will also be joining the ceremony. The US Air Force 36<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Bombardment Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base Guam will perform a B-52 flyby during the ceremony. (PR)

**Courts adopt new austerity work hours**

The CNMI Judicial Council has adopted the following measures to implement austerity days for work hours of its personnel as well as hours of operation. Court House business hours on the three islands will change as follows:

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■ Partial closure on Friday, Nov. 12, and every other Friday thereafter.

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ery other Monday thereafter until Dec. 31, 2010.

■ Effective Jan. 1, 2011 operation will be closed every Monday.

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**John Gonzales LIVE today**

John Gonzales Live airs today, Nov. 10, and replays on Sunday, Nov. 14, and Monday, Nov. 15, all from 7pm to 8pm on KSPN Ch. 2.

Topic: Present flu situation in the CNMI and the new flu vaccine.

Guests: Dr. Shirish Balachandra, Public Health medical director; Ed Diaz, epidemiologist; and Warren Villagomez, Emergency Preparedness director.

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# Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

**Nov. 10, 1999****Senators hold dialog with CNMI scholars in Guam**

Two senators are expected to meet today with CNMI scholars attending the University of Guam to try to address the students' concern on shrinking financial grants provided by the Tenorio administration. Senate President Paul A. Manglona and Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes as well as Dan Nielsen, the governor's special assistant for education, and Hilaria K. Santos, scholarship administrator, left yesterday to hold the dialogue on Guam. There is no information how many UOG students receive CNMI scholarships, but Reyes said several have raised concern over the administration's decision to cut the grants.

**CNMI's airports, seaports are Y2K ready**

The airport and the seaport systems for Saipan, Tinian and Rota are now Y2K compliant after months of upgrading, ruling out any possibility of a computer shutdown brought about by the millennium bug, according to Carlos H. Salas, executive director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. "We are fully prepared to meet the new millennium with confidence," he said. CPA had to beat a deadline set by the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure that airport operations has updated its systems when the computers are set to fail in the year 2000. The millennium bug could jeopardize airport operations because it may fail to fix dates, calculate transactions and perform other operations.

**Nov. 10, 2000****JAL to deploy 7 extra flights to Saipan**

Japan Airlines is planning to deploy seven additional flights from major cities in the country to Saipan in response to the anticipated increase in the demand for airline seats during the holidays, according to sales manager Yasuyoshi Kinoshita. In an interview yesterday, Mr. Kinoshita disclosed the airline company is deploying three extra flights, in addition to its regular air transport services, from Nagoya and Fukuoka in Japan to the Northern Marianas this month. JAL is also dispatching four additional flights from Kansai, Nagoya and Fukuoka in December in anticipation of the increase in the number of Saipan-bound travelers from Japan during the holiday season.

**Private schools cite dangers of luring more foreign students**

The CNMI Coalition of Private Schools is opposing a legislative initiative seeking to grant foreign students open access to CNMI institutions in hopes of broadening the Commonwealth's economic base, due to its potential impact on infrastructures. Coalition President Scott Norman argued the move is likely to benefit the local economy in a very small scale since CNMI private schools are non-profit and do not contribute to the local treasury through taxes. The secondary effect to hosting a large group of foreign students on island will only be through commercial purchases they make, which according to Norman, is projected to be very minimal.

**Nov. 10, 2002****Dance group raises money for trip to A. Samoa**

Ten young ladies and three young men invited motorists to a free car wash Saturday morning at the Shell Dandan station to raise money-through pledges-for a cultural trip to American Samoa in June 2003. The Tasi and the Ali'i's Polynesian dancers, handled by the Golden Bird Corporation, gathered over 50 pledges from supporters to raise an estimated \$50,000 for their trip next year. According to Vynicia Seman, spokesperson, the group started soliciting support from the community last month when each dancer-30 of them-rounded the island for pledges. "The trip is in June 2003. We are going to visit American Samoa to learn cultural performances and possibly perform there," said Seman.

**China's future stars light Tinian up**

China's future superstars are now on Tinian where they are expected to pit their talents against each other for the coveted 2002 Tomorrow's Star Search crown. A talent show will be held at 2pm today at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino's Grand Ballroom. Star Search contestants hail from various provinces and cities in mainland China. The grand winner, as well as the runners-up and special awardees, will be crowned on December 14, 2002 in Guangzhou. The Guangdong TV, in collaboration with the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino and its China bureau, is administering the Star Search talent show on Tinian.

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## EDITORIAL

### You can't fault the Fed

The Federal Reserve announced that it will try again to spur the economy through a second round of "quantitative easing," which is Washington-speak for "conjuring money out of thin air." But the Fed's plan to purchase \$600 billion worth of long-term Treasury bonds won't double the country's sluggish growth rate or slash unemployment. It's just a nudge to the economy, not a shove.

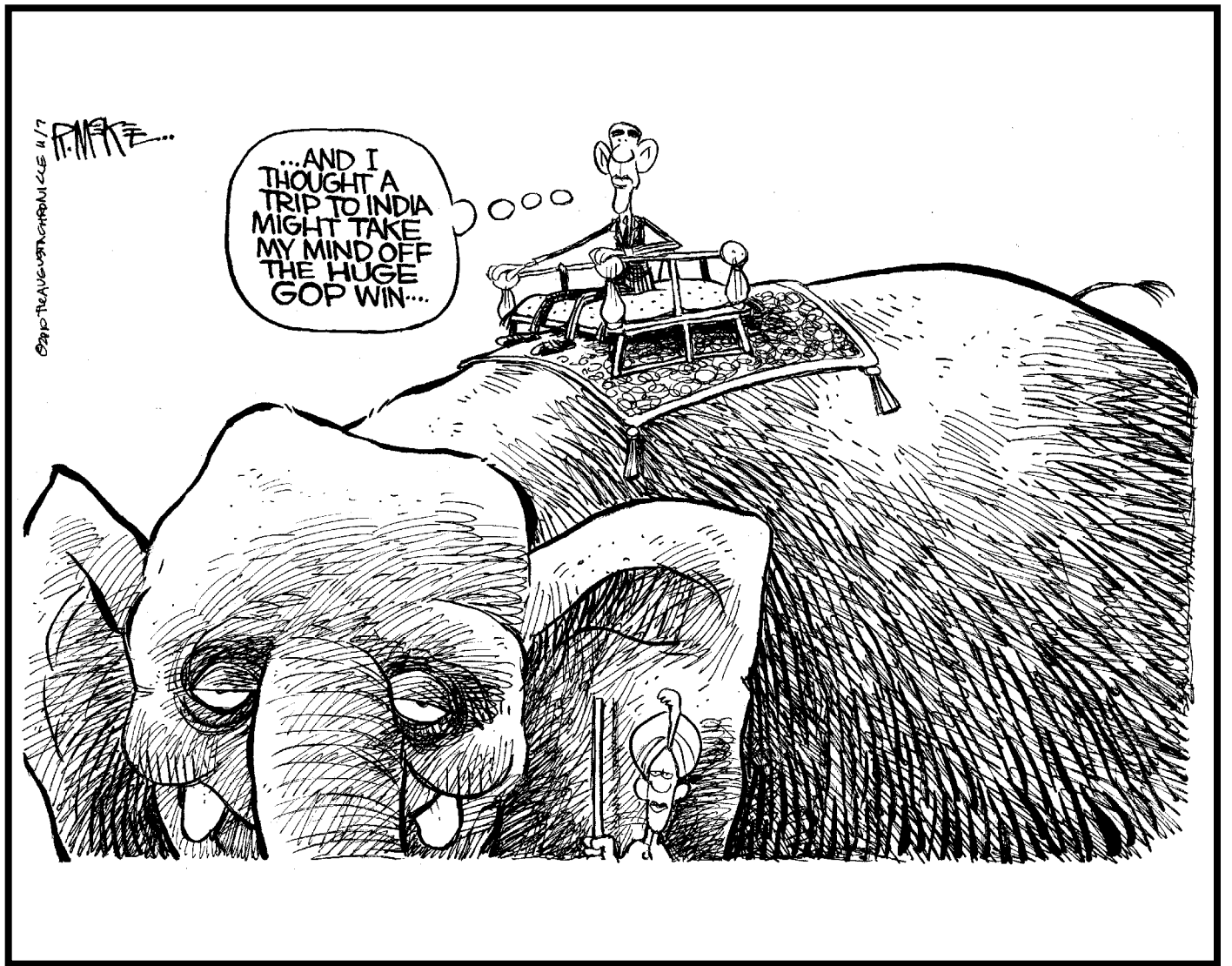
The problem for the Fed is that it is failing at one of its core missions—to keep unemployment low—and it's already tried all the monetary tools at its disposal. But it's hard to blame Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke, who's been a remarkably active leader of the central bank. The real fault lies with Congress, which hasn't been doing enough to stimulate the economy. That's the loudest message from Tuesday's election. Voters weren't mad at Democrats for trying to stimulate the economy; they were mad at them for not doing it effectively.

Although there's no simple and sure way for Congress to spark the economy, lawmakers have a variety of options. The threshold question is whether they're willing to borrow more heavily to finance new tax cuts or spending—for example, more federal aid for bridges, train lines and other infrastructure projects. They should be willing to do so in the short term in conjunction with adopting a credible plan to bring the deficit under control over the coming decade. But given the GOP's rhetoric during the campaign, it seems unlikely that Republicans would support even a temporary increase in the deficit for the sake of another stimulus package.

Here's another option: Rather than extending \$700 billion in Bush-era tax cuts to individuals and partnerships with the highest incomes over the next 10 years, why not use some or all of that money to suspend payroll taxes for new hires for the next two years? That would be a growth-oriented tax cut. Or how about temporarily slashing taxes on foreign earnings that U.S.-based multinational companies bring into this country, then using the resulting spike in revenue to finance a payroll tax holiday or other stimulus effort?

Instead of exploring what they could be doing, lawmakers have spent recent months bickering over which of the Bush tax cuts to extend and whether to cancel the unspent portion of the Democrats' 2009 stimulus package. And now the incoming House GOP majority seems determined to launch Pyrrhic assaults on the healthcare reform and financial regulatory laws, despite certain vetoes by President Obama. Economists are split on the merits of Bernanke's quantitative easing plan, which could weaken the dollar and promote inflation. But at least Bernanke is trying. If only he had more help.

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## Midterm US elections

Young British Prime Minister David Cameron is in China promoting trade between the two countries. China's President Hu Jintao was just in France and Portugal as President Barack Obama told India in Delhi's Parliament that the United States will support India's bid to a permanent seat in the U.N. Security Council. India and China of the G20 nations are the new economic behemoths heating up the global economy. A summit for these nations opens in Seoul Thursday and Friday even as ROK forces prepare for the expected protests and disruptions in the shadows of an uncertain North Korea in the process of a Kim transition.

Israel's PM Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu visiting the United States while Obama is elsewhere needles everyone when he announces more settlement in former Palestinian lands in East Jerusalem while the German Foreign Minister tours Gaza. Israeli and Palestinian youth erupts into an informal game of soccer, unmindful of their elders' historic adversities. Meanwhile, Indonesia's Merapi Volcano erupts, disrupting flights of Changi Airport in Singapore and creating reckless evacuees awaiting government permission to return to their homes, while Guangxi of the karst country and Lijiang (Li River) experiences an unusual drought. The U.S. Midwest gets hit by more than its usual share of tornadoes.

Rice remains unharvested in China's fertile fields due to an unexpected shortage of diesel fuel for tractors. An unexplained 30-minute brownout hits Shenyang in the northeast of China, fueling speculation that the shortage of fossil energy might be more critical than acknowledged.

The world turns, oblivious to the hate-filled paroxysms that Americans just went through—and will increasingly go through again—as adversarial forces seem no longer content in taking a break in between the biennial election rituals, but like the nation's policy of perpetual war, societal relations faithfully adhere to uninterrupted confrontational dialectics. Pundits reflecting on the U.S. midterm elections are comparing the event with other previous terms and have concluded that the victor ironically is a projected second term for current President Barack Obama. The Republicans can wait all they want, along with a rejuvenated tea party movement, but centrist-leaning-left Obama still retains America's grudging trust.

A reflection on the first year of Obama's presidency, "The Promise: President Obama, Year One" by *Newsweek* editor and author Jonathan Alter, author of *FDR's Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope*, notes that Obama made 500 campaign promises of which he completed or started 400 of them (approximately 114 completed and 284 started) in his first year. The book illuminates the issues addressed, the "why" of the way they were addressed, and the accomplishments/letdowns that followed. The bloodbath in the polls against the Democratic Party in congressional, gubernatorial, and

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state-level legislative elections is a momentary therapeutic outlet for the disillusioned and discontented that actually favors the incumbent executive. This is a reasonably good spin for those who still hang on with the man who leads a nation in the exercise of courage of hope.

Lame-duck CNMI Gov. Uncle Ben and re-elected U.S. Rep. Gegerio Kilili Sablan have all the reason to collaborate in getting more of Uncle Sam's military dollars into our local coffers. "Defense, debt and the deficit" is no longer just an academic concern. The huge defense budget is getting closer scrutiny, and previously unthinkable Defense audit is actually being suggested, though not anticipated to occur for another seven years. However, a Defense Sustainable Task Force report issued in July 2010 projected savings of close to trillion dollars in a decade were DoD to rationalize its operations to standard government procedures.

The strategic military value of the islands to U.S. defense is what brought us into being, and our value to Homeland Security defines our continuing sustainability within the American political dispensation. Choosing differently was a chance we forego decades ago. The option for local autonomy has been abused and independence from Washington's interference was once a default benign neglect status due to the U.N.'s slow process of disengagement from trusteeship. It no longer is. Kilili now sits in Congress. Dol Tony Babauta's presence on island should be warmly welcomed.

China's biggest employer is the government. It is estimated that for every government position, there are a thousand qualified aspirants. Not unlike the terms of employ in the CNMI, being a Chinese government functionary is a secured position. At least, China's qualifying measures are stringent; one can get by in the CNMI with the price of one's vote! One can hardly consider it secure these days.

The gift of U.S. elections is the image that electorates can genuinely effect change, though some argue that this is highly illusory, or is subject to manipulation by moneyed interest. We do rotate players among elected officials. The ball is in the electorate's ballpark. Let us be grateful for life's little favors. Then define our citizen's tasks and go to work.

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# My position on profit 2: The passion prosperity reconcile

*The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!*

**R**ecap: So, here I am encouraging you to turn your passion into profit, while every now and then, if you read my column, you'll hear my ethical opposition to capitalism and its effects on the world. Am I contradicting myself? We all exist and are pursuing our dreams within a capitalist paradigm. We are all forced to some degree, to participate in it. However, I suggest to you that it is built on the following faulty premises:

## The foundational flaws

There are a few beliefs and practices I've identified that point to flaws in the foundation of capitalist thinking:

1. The concept that no exchange of real value is required to be successful at capitalism. (*i.e.* "I'm in this to make money, and will sell whatever people are willing to buy.") This violates a basic ethical principle of true prosperity that requires that equivalent value be exchanged such that both parties benefit.

2. Infinite growth. Economic growth in capitalism-as-practiced is based on the belief that every month and every quarter, the capitalist corporation can (and must) post higher and higher profits. I suggest to you that one cannot sustain infinite growth on a planet with finite resources. Something has to give.

So, the question is: "How do we reconcile our desire and efforts to turn our own passions into profit in such a system?" In other words, "how do I succeed in business without exploiting people and destroying the planet?" Is it even possible?"

## Revolution!

Right after last week's column I watched *Capitalism: A Love Story*, the film by Michael Moore, which highlights the more evil aspects of the greed, the callousness, the exploitation and disregard for humanity that has been encouraged and elevated to an art by capitalism's "profit at all costs" mentality.

This, to me, is the most glaring downside to the whole pursuit of business within a capitalist ideal: that people confuse and equate exploitation with survival and prosperity. The truth, however, is that

# Governance spoke

Governance spoke. What was its message?

Steering clear of intrusion into personal freedom, resolution of delayed and impending payless paydays, prevention of an implosion of mass unemployment; and the dire need for synergistic working relationship among local leaders and Washington.

Kilili walked away with a landslide. Even he was pleasantly surprised and humbled that the wind was on his back. Governance walked behind him as it trashed the burgeoning politics of secrecy, arrogance, and the abuse of power that have shattered the bonds of trust between the people and their elected leaders.

Thousands of voters have quickly discerned that Capital Hill doesn't listen and is ruled by leaders who seem out of touch and dismissive, even disdainful, of the anger that governance feel toward their government and the challenges they face in an economy that melts into the sea of complacency and hopelessness.

Whatever their walks of life, governance has left an indelible mark of hope in its verdict by reclaiming what belongs to them: Their rights consciousness. It further declared that government is the servant of the people, not the people being servants of the government. Government is supposed to be an agent of help, not a burden, pure and simple!

As Kilili relaxes and counts his blessings, he must brave the cold winter months of Washington faced with a set of new challenges: A divided U.S. Congress where Democrats retain control of the Senate, Republicans taking rule of the lower chamber. The biggest challenge is whether he could secure financial assistance from the new \$900 billion stimulus package recently purchased by the federal government for temporary cushioning of essential services.

Cost of health insurance is also slated to increase by a whopping 66 percent. Is this the net effect of Obamacare? If so, can Kilili seek exclusion of the NMI from such federal law that is more detrimental than helpful? Obama is likely to fight tooth and nail to keep it. Kilili has no option but to seek NMI exclusion. I think Nebraska was excluded from such law or on a specific mandate.

sustenance, survival and prosperity are all possible without having to resort to capitalism's darker side.

One key point made in the movie is that if we are to change the system as it is practiced, such a change needs to be global and total. In other words, nothing short of a revolution, a complete dismantling and overhaul of the entire system will work to stop the exploitation and save the planet.

However, there are many obvious, and not so obvious challenges to such a revolution. First, of all, according to the film: "The system has built into it propaganda: the ability to convince people who are victimized by the system to support the system and see it as a good."

In other words, some of the most vocal resistance to changing the system will come from those at the very bottom of the system's hierarchy—the workers—who have been convinced that their future success is tied in to maintaining things as they are.

## Rethinking the paradigm

Therefore, we must first dispel many misconceptions about what Capitalism is, and also and see it clearly for what it isn't. *We must uproot a fundamental belief system about what it means to be successful within this paradigm.* This may be the greatest challenge. In fact, even now, as you read this, you too, may be experiencing thoughts and words like "subversive," "un-American," "dictatorship," etc. as a result of the emotional connection many people have with what it means to strive within a capitalist ideal.

However, here are some new ideas, among many others that one needs to accept and realize as true:

- Capitalism does not provide for the well-being of all of people.
- Capitalism creates wealth for one class at the expense of another.
- Capitalism does not equal democracy and freedom.
- Capitalism is not holy and just.
- Success in business does not have to be a win-lose proposition.
- There is harm being done to others as well as the planet as a result of the system as it is practiced. This destruction may be irreversible.

## Remaking the paradigm

As these changes in thought take hold, we can then begin to change our behavior. The things that we create and sell, how we create them, and the underlying basis of it all can be remade according to some new ideals including:

- Refuse to create or sell anything that destroys life, lowers the quality of life, infringes on the rights and freedoms of others or that is manufactured in ways that do.

The cost of basic commodities is also slated to increase soon between 5 and 54 percent across the country. Imagine the cost of groceries (most of which are imported) when they get here, not to mention a further battering of consumers on Tinian and Rota. It's bad enough how the recent increase in federal minimum wage triggered concurrent spikes in groceries here. Is there something that could be done to deal with the horrendous cost of shipping? I am sure our delegate would explore this and other collateral issues.

The result of the recent election forces leadership to sharpen its pencils on real budgeting. It must decide "must have" versus "nice to have" items on the budget list. It must veer off announcing another "delayed" payday while granting political stalwarts boilerplate contracts. It must stick to the merit system to give everybody a fair chance on employment and promotions. Irregularities of this sort are easily caught via the use of the Freedom of Information Act. And there's no room for hiding either.

Chastened leadership is huddling somewhere as Tony Babauta of the U.S. Department of the Interior's OIA is here to conduct an economic seminar to smooth out kinks in the transition process on immigration. Hopefully, this ought to grant the NMI another view or paradigm on investments. But even this is saddled with local policies that are regressive by their very nature. It runs contrary to fostering lasting partnerships.

Any further deterioration of the local economy would trigger the inevitable: Turn paradise into a Wasteland of Unemployment. This isn't what was promised governance five years ago. And though it (governance) has quietly absorbed the introductory bad times that started with "delayed paydays," it also knows that current conditions would turn for the worse before it gets any better, if at all.

Through Kilili, governance has reclaimed its personal freedom premised on "We the People...." He derailed the tyranny of the ruling majority. He puts them on notice, loud and clear through governance, that the NMI was founded upon a government of laws. He's sent those who have passed the line of decency to listen to the echo of their failed steps, left to second-guessing

## THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT

*Creating economic success for the CNMI*

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■ Practice "fair exchange" (not exploitation) as the basis of prosperity.

■ Create value for the consumer in the form of a product = "a high quality object or service in the hands of the consumer, in exchange for a valuable."

■ Implement democratic ideals in the marketplace (one enlightening feature of Moore's film focused on businesses that are actually owned and operated by the owners in a true democratic one-person, one-vote fashion.

## What it will require

Such new practices will require certain discipline and decisions:

It will require being an independent thinker.

It will require having an inviolable set of beliefs and behaviors, and the courage to act according to them despite how the masses act.

It will require sticking to those beliefs and behaviors and to accept the consequences of those actions.

It will require developing a long-time perspective. In other words, it means realizing that your activities have consequences on others and on the planet, and choosing to act now based on the long-term consequences of your actions.

## The reconcile

Admittedly, the above is a gross simplification of a complex topic intended to be a starting point for discussion. The simplicity of the approach is not meant to imply that such a global revolution in thought and practice is easy. However, if such a revolution in thought and practice is to come, it must be adopted first by those on a local, individual level. Such a revolution will only come when there are sufficient numbers of people who are thinking and acting differently

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where the next political earthquake would hit.

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Lest you forget, you took an oath at your swearing-in ceremony to "support and defend the Constitution." Did you uphold your oath of office? If so, did you retire the deficit of the local government so mandated by pertinent constitutional provision? If not, then you know that you've violated the sacred law of the land.

I am sure you are aware that the resolution of our economic meltdown is impossible to resolve over the next five years. It requires fully honed economic and financial experts with real professional experiences on island economies. As the economy heads further south, hope won't resolve the collateral destruction in the livelihood of governance. Real financing to reboot dismal economic condition is the answer!






Too, it is a must that public officials move away from parochial interests. It isn't a senatorial district that is sick. Queen Mariana, the whole body, is in the ICU. Let's pay attention to the patient in her entirety. Forget about her unpolished toenails and pale lips. While at it, get the woefully limited budget down to real size per actual collection and steer clear of employing the accrual system.

That we have over \$300 million in deficit is a tale that we've wasted hard earned taxpayers' money by millions of dollars. Otherwise, we won't be inflicting "delayed paydays" or non-issuance of scholarship funds, child and tax refunds. Recipients would have received them on a timely basis months ago. Am I making sense?

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲82 ▼76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼72
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84 ▼76
Majuro	Rain	▲82 ▼74

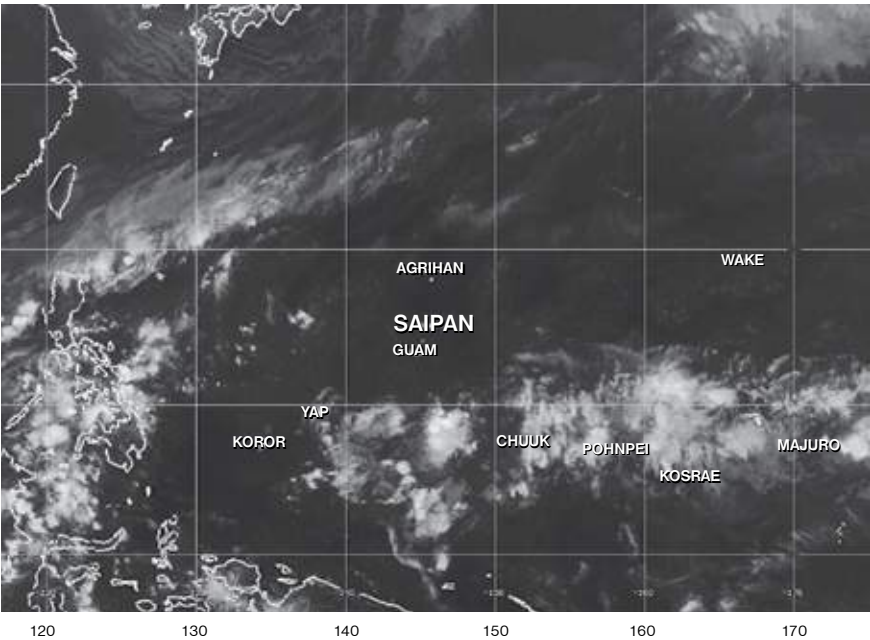
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲66 ▼55
Beijing	Sunny	▲58 ▼37
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲78 ▼67
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼73
London	Showers	▲47 ▼34
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲70 ▼50
Manila	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼79
Melbourne	Showers	▲75 ▼55
Miami	Sunny	▲80 ▼62
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲56 ▼42
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲60 ▼48
Paris	Showers	▲50 ▼37
Pusan	Sunny	▲63 ▼50
Rome	Thunderstorms	▲66 ▼53
Salem	Rain	▲47 ▼40
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼54
Seoul	Sunny	▲52 ▼37
Tokyo	Sunny	▲62 ▼48
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲61 ▼45

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
4:14 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet	
11:34 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
4:58 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet	
9:17 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from 25N145E to beyond 20N130E. Scattered showers are found along and up to 200 miles northwest of the front. A surface trough extends southward from 10N147E to 1N146E with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Yap in an area from 9N139E to 9N149E to EQ146E back to 9N139E. A second surface trough extends southwestward from 12N162E to 5N155E with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in an area from Chuuk eastward across Pohnpei to Kwajalein atoll between 6N and 12N from 152E to 168E. A third surface trough just east of Majuro extends from 12N176E to 6N174E with scattered showers between 6N and 10N from 173E to 180.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:16 AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Saturday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
Sunday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:52 AM	9:24 PM
Thursday	10:41 AM	10:18 PM
Friday	11:25 AM	11:09 PM
Saturday	12:06 PM	11:58 PM
Sunday	12:43 PM	

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SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily	DL286	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:00pm	12:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09317/891	2:45am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/286	7:55am	8:25pm	Daily via NRT
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09313/893	7:55am	10:10pm	3 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	5 via GUM-Palau	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM-Palau
OZ606/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	6 via GUM-Palau
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				C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ606/723	3:20pm	10:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM
Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The <i>Saipan Tribune</i> is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)							

## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)

# Letter to the Editor

## Why we should

The case for legalizing marijuana has three main components. First, the constitutionally granted inalienable right to liberty and personal freedom. Second, that the legalization of pot does not cause crime to increase; in fact it is the exact opposite, that legalizing it reduces crime and stops funding terrorists and criminals. Third, that in light of the present pitiful state of the CNMI economy, legalizing this harmless herb would put billions, yes, billions of dollars into our near-empty treasury over time, some of it pretty darned soon. The income will far outweigh the paltry losses from federal funds.

In today's installment we'll look briefly at the constitutional issue. Tomorrow and the next day we will examine the second and third issues.

The Constitutional component was described pretty well by Libertarian David Boaz when he said, "Where in the Constitution does the federal government find the power to ban or regulate drugs? In 1920, people understood this; when they wanted to ban alcohol, they passed a constitutional amendment. You can't say much good about the prohibitionists, but at least they had enough respect for the Constitution to go through the formal amendment process.

"But we have never passed a constitutional amendment granting the federal government any power to ban marijuana, or cocaine or other drugs. The federal government's contemporary prohibition policy is an illegal and unconstitutional usurpation of a power never granted to it.

"People have rights that governments may not violate. Thomas Jefferson defined them as the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. When I'm asked what libertarianism is, I often say that it is the idea that adult individuals have the

right and the responsibility to make the important decisions about their own lives. More categorically, I would say that people have the right to live their lives in any way they choose so long as they don't violate the equal rights of others. What right could be more basic, more inherent in human nature, than the right to choose what substances to put in one's own body? Whether we're talking about alcohol, tobacco, herbal cures, saturated fat, or marijuana, this is a decision that should be made by the individual, not the government. If government can tell us what we can put into our own bodies, what can it not tell us? What limits on government action are there?"

Sadly, the answer to that is not many limits any more. When people become sheep, too scared or too blasé to stand up for their own individual rights any more, the end is near. That's when totalitarian rule sneaks up and takes over a country. Rule by bureaucrats instead of the rule of law. Rule by politicians looking for a way to pad the pockets of their friends and constituents. Rule by a secret police, already growing strong in the United States. Rule by fear and intimidation and laws that expand to restrict rather than enrich our personal freedoms. It becomes a self-replicating bureaucracy that feeds on itself and on the very citizens it should be protecting.

The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the U.S. Constitution state very clearly that any powers not granted specifically to the federal government are reserved to the states and to the people. The prohibition of drugs and herbs is NOT granted specifically to the federal government. Here is what those two very important Amendments say:

Amendment 9: The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment 10: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States

respectively, or to the people.

Around here the very people who decry what they see as a usurpation of power by the current administration are also the first to try and usurp the power of the Constitution themselves to deny you the right to smoke if you wish or use your property as you wish or deny a businessman the right to use his business as he sees fit. The list goes on and becomes longer every day. Soon it will be what food you are allowed to eat. Sorry, no beef kelaguin, it's just not politically correct.

The U.S. government grows even larger and controls more and more of your life every day. If you don't help stop them now, who will and

when? If the law is wrong, we can change it. This one needs changing. We can and should change this one right here locally. We can't control what they do in Idaho or California, but luckily we can control what happens here in the CNMI. Does the current prohibition laws protect your children from exposure to pot or cigarettes or anything else? No, you parents do the protecting, same as you would if the unconstitutional prohibition on pot was lifted and the herb became legal to use again.

To be continued tomorrow.

**Rep. Stanley McGinnis Torres**  
17<sup>th</sup> CNMI Legislature

## MY POSITION

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about themselves, about their goals, and the rights and freedoms of others, and the sustainability of our actions and practices on the planet. Only then can we truly reconcile our pursuits of "profit" so as not to lose our souls in the process as we pursue true prosperity.

As the title of my book, *Turn your Passion into Sustainability* wouldn't have had quite the same ring to it, but perhaps, those of us with an eye on the true significance of what we seek as passionpreneurs can unofficially choose a new mantra: *Turn Your Passion Into Prosperity!* Now THAT has a nice ring to it!

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**Note:** Where will your passion take you? What sort of life would you experience if you could? Find out what's possible as you turn your passion into profit. Check out my new adventures on [jamaicaninchina.com](http://jamaicaninchina.com).

**Note:** Ever wanted to direct your friends and family to a set of websites that revealed the best things about Saipan? Do what I do: Send them to [www.bestofsaipan.com!](http://www.bestofsaipan.com!)

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

Send article suggestions, entrepreneur nominations and feedback about this article to [walt@passionprofit.com](mailto:walt@passionprofit.com).



**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**  
**Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant**  
**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**  
**Energy Star Rebate Program**  
**(CNMI-EECBG-ARRA-ESRP)**

**Public Service Announcement**

This is to inform ALL Applicants/Recipients of the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Energy Star Rebate Program that the following Retailers of qualified energy-efficient ENERGY STAR appliances are registered with the CNMI Energy Division Office as Participating Retailers and authorized to accept and process Appliance Rebate Vouchers issued by the CNMI Energy Division.

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- Pacific Chang Hong Corporation – Koblerville

**If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the CNMI Energy Division Office at 670-664-4480/1 or fax at 670-664-4483 or email address at [cnmienergy@gmail.com](mailto:cnmienergy@gmail.com) or you may visit our office located at House No. 1337, Ascencion Dr., Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday except legal holidays. On Friday, office will be open between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. except on every government payday week Friday, the office will be closed.**

**Thank You,**

/s/ **Thelma B. Inos**  
**Director**

# SHIPPING SCHEDULE



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# Business

## World Resort, MVA tie up for TV promotion

Korea Broadcasting System has selected Saipan as its next destination for the filming of the popular Sunday morning show "Go! Dream Team" Season 2.

A location hunting team from KBS was recently on Saipan to scope out the filming location and they eventually sold the company's top brass on the island's beautiful scenery as a perfect destination for the film shot, where celebrities are ex-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Saipan World Resort recently hosted a location planning group from Korea Broadcasting System, which is set to shoot the popular Sunday morning show "Go! Dream Team" Season 2 on the island.

pected to face off in an obstacle course competition filled with laughter.

Saipan World Resort, through the help of the Marianas Visitors Authority, welcomed the location planning group from Nov. 2 to 5 and a series of locations have been visited such as Saipan World Resort's Wave Jungle, Managaha Island, Monster Truck off-road track, and experiences like parasailing, island site-seeing,

and various other locations around the island that would best fit the obstacle course criteria for the program.

"With a viewership of 8 percent in total country population of 49 million, this program will only enhance the image and hopefully boost our tourism from Korea," said Saipan World Resort sales and marketing director Tae Won Park.

"We are hopeful that this exposure of Saipan in Korea will allow for more visitors to our island and through this program, Saipan will be seen as a prom-

ising vacation destination," added Park.

Saipan World Resort is expected to sponsor the shooting crew on meals and lodging while on location until the end of this month. Airfare and local activities are coordinated by MVA and its members.

KBS is a public broadcasting multi-media company in South Korea and is the largest of three mainstream medias servicing the country. Its KBS World offers program services through its affiliated networks around the world. (PR)

## \$2.7M water distribution project on Saipan completed

On Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial led a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially signal the completion of the Rapogao and Sablan Quarry Well Field Isolation and Water System Improvement project. The \$2.7M project was awarded in July 2009 to AIC Marianas, Inc. and was funded by CIP funds through the Office of Insular Affairs.

Fitial, along with CUC executive director Abe Malae, Pete Sasamoto of the Water Task Force office, and OIA's Keith Aughenbaugh led other government officials and representatives from AIC Marianas, Inc. in inaugurating the CNMI's newest water distribution system, complete with a 400,000-gallon wa-

ter storage tank.

Shortly before the water valves were officially opened, Fitial lauded the CIP Office, OIA, the Water Task Force and AIC Marianas, Inc. for its efforts to bring this much needed development to fruition.

"The culmination of this project further affirms the CNMI's commitment to prudently [use] federal funds for the benefit of our island community. This is our commitment to the accountable use of federal funds for important infrastructure projects," said Fitial.

The Rapogao project connects 12 existing water wells at Rapogao, Sablan Quarry and Donni Spring to the brand new

400,000-gallon reservoir to centralize distribution, mixing and chlorination. Approximately 6,700 customers will be served by the new water supply in areas such as Garapan, Upper and Lower Navy Hill, Lower Base, Maui IV area, Puerto Rico, Upper and Lower China Town.

Fitial looks ahead to securing additional funds to fulfill the Commonwealth's infrastructure needs. "My administration will continue to support infrastructure development throughout our villages. We will continue working to secure more federal funds to meet the infrastructure needs of the various communities throughout our Commonwealth," he added. (PR)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
The brand new 400,000-gallon reservoir forms part of the Rapogao and Sablan Quarry Well Field Isolation and Water System Improvement project and is connected to 12 existing water wells at Rapogao, Sablan Quarry and Donni Spring.



### WATER TASK FORCE



#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 11-GOV-006

#### Construction Management/Contract Compliance For Water Task Force Projects

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force (WTF), are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified Consultants to provide Construction Management/Contract Compliance Services for various WTF contracts and projects.

The project Scope of Work will be available on or after **October 27, 2010** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 pm, **November 3, 2010** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number (670) 664-2279.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior.

Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from OIA. The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-305. Preference per Public Law 15-95 as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "**Construction Management/Contract Compliance**", **RFP 11-GOV-006**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Sealed proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 p.m., November 29, 2010 (CNMI local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ **BENIGNO R. FITIAL**  
Governor

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**  
Director of Procurement and Supply



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#### INVITATION TO BID ITB11-GOV-012

**Susupe Multipurpose Center & Division of Youth Services  
Juvenile Correction Facility Air Conditioning Replacement Project**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Capital Improvement Program Office, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on November 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 26, 2010 to Mr. Stanley Good, Project Manager at staniv@pticom.com or Ms. Nerissa Benavente, Project Coordinator, Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked "**ITB11-GOV-012**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, December 9, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time December 9, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 9, 2010 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. December 21, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time December 22, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on December 9, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must possess a certificate of authority to conduct business in the CNMI and certification that the value or its unencumbered assets (exclusive or all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the amount or each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ **ELOY S. INOS**, Lieutenant Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ **Herman S. Sablan**, Director  
Procurement and Supply, DOF

# Nation

## Elizabeth Smart says she awoke to knife on neck

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)**—Elizabeth Smart remembers not being able to make out the threat, only the feel of cold knife at her neck.

As the then-14-year-old lay in bed alongside her baby sister, the man repeated: "Don't make a sound. Get out of bed and come with me, or I will kill you and your family." She was his hostage, he told her.

"I was shocked. I thought I was having a nightmare. It was just indescribable fear," Smart, now 23, told jurors Monday on the first day of testimony in the

trial of Brian David Mitchell, the man accused of kidnapping her in June 2002.

That night, they fled up the hills above her home, with

Smart in her red pajamas and tennis shoes, and the knife to her back.

Her younger sister—a baby blanket wrapped around her

head and neck—rushed to their mother, telling of the kidnapping.

"It was utter terror," their mother, Lois Smart, testified earlier Monday.

"It was the worst feeling, knowing that I didn't know where my child was. I was helpless."

Nine months later, motorists spotted Elizabeth Smart walk-



Mitchell



Smart

## Conn. man condemned to die for fatal home invasion

**NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)**—A Connecticut man was condemned to death Monday for a night of terror inside a suburban home in which a woman was strangled and her two daughters tied to their beds and left to die in a gasoline-fueled fire.

Jurors in New Haven Superior Court voted unanimously to send Steven Hayes to death row after deliberating over four days. Judge Jon Blue will impose the sentence on Dec. 2.

"You have been exposed to images of depravity and horror that no human being should have to see," Blue said in thank-

ing the jurors for their service.

Dr. William Petit, the husband and father of the victims, said the verdict was not about revenge.

"Vengeance belongs to the Lord," Petit said. "This is about justice. We need to have some rules in a civilized society."

He also said it wouldn't bring closure, saying whoever came up with the concept was "an imbecile."

"It's a hole with jagged edges," he said. "Over time the edges may smooth out a little bit, but the hole in your heart, the hole in your soul is

always there."

Hayes' attorneys had tried to persuade jurors to spare him the death penalty by portraying him as a clumsy, drug-addicted thief who never committed violence until the 2007 home invasion with a fellow paroled burglar. They called the co-defendant, Joshua Komisarjevsky, the mastermind and said he escalated the violence.

But prosecutors said both men were equally responsible and that the crime cried out for the death penalty, saying the family was tormented for seven hours before they were killed.

ing in a Salt Lake City suburb with Mitchell.

His attorneys did not dispute

the facts of the abduction. But during opening statements, they said the prosecution's allegation

that he was a calculating person who planned the kidnapping was wrong.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Judge hears arguments in targeted killing case

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Attorneys for the father of a cleric trying to inspire Muslims to kill Americans argued in court Monday to keep his son from being targeted for death by President Barack Obama. U.S. District Judge John Bates heard arguments in the case of Anwar al-Awlaki on the same day that the American cleric made a renewed call for jihad against U.S. citizens in a video posted on extremist websites. Al-Awlaki, believed to be hiding in Yemen, was linked to last year's shooting at Fort Hood, Texas, and the attempted bombing of a U.S.-bound flight last Christmas. In the latest video, he said all Americans are the enemy and Muslims should kill any of them at will without consulting anyone.

#### Cruise ship adrift off San Diego after fire

**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—Officials say an engine room aboard a

cruise ship headed for Mexico has caught fire, leaving the vessel adrift. According to a statement from Carnival Cruise Lines, the blaze aboard the Carnival Splendor broke out Monday around 6 a.m. as it was some 55 miles off of the northern Baja coast. The ship is carrying 3,299 guests and 1,167 crew members. No one was hurt. The fire was extinguished by the afternoon, but officials couldn't restore power and decided to terminate the cruise. Officials say the 952-foot-long ship, which left the Port of Long Beach on Sunday, was to be towed to Ensenada in Baja.

#### LA police arrest 88 in raid of downtown club

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Police say 81 women and seven men have been arrested in a raid on a downtown Los Angeles "hostess club." Patrons at LA's hostess clubs can legally pay women for time and companionship but nudity and stripping are not allowed. Lt. Paul Vernon

said Monday that the 88 were arrested at Club 907 on Friday on suspicion of prostitution, lewd conduct, gambling and the use of counterfeit identification. He says some of those arrested may have been illegal immigrant women trafficked into the U.S. and then forced to work at the club.

#### Truck found, photo released in Calif. cop shooting

**RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP)**—Police have recovered a truck they believe was driven by a man suspected of gunning down a Southern California officer who chased him into a park after what should've been a routine traffic stop. The suspect remained at large Monday night. Riverside police said in a news release the truck found Monday was a rental big-rig that had been reported stolen. Authorities also released a surveillance photo of the suspect, whom they say is in his mid-30s to mid-40s and is just over 6 feet tall with a slender build.



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### INVITATION TO BID ITB11-GOV-013

#### Tinian Health Center Medical Equipment

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Municipality of Tinian, TinianHealth Center, Medical Equipment, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Tuesday, November 10, 2010 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 26, 2010 to Mr. Stanley Good, Project Manager at staniv@pticom.com or Ms. Nerissa Benavente, Project Coordinator, Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked "ITB11-GOV-013". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 1:00 p.m. Saipan local time, December 9, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 1:00 p.m. Saipan local time December 9, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 9, 2010 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. December 21, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time December 22, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on December 9, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must possess a certificate of authority to conduct business in the CNMI and certification that the value or its unencumbered assets (exclusive or all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the amount or each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by one hundred twenty (120) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director  
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### INVITATION TO BID ITB11-GOV-015

#### Tinian Health Center Dental Equipment

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Sealed bids must be marked "ITB11-GOV-015". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m. Saipan local time, December 9, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 2:00 p.m. Saipan local time December 9, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 9, 2010 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. December 21, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

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# Asia

## Obama boosts India for 'rightful place in world'

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—Deepening America's stake in Asian power politics, President Barack Obama on Monday endorsed India's bid to become a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, hoping to elevate the nation of a billion people to "its rightful place in the world" alongside an assertive China.

Obama's declaration, delivered to the pounding applause of India's parliament members, spoke to a mission broader than the makeup of one global institution. By spending three packed days in India, announcing trade deals, dismissing job-outsourcing gripes and admonishing India's rival Pakistan, Obama went all in for an ally whose support he hopes to bank on for years.

"I want every Indian citizen to know: The United States of America will not simply be cheering you on from the sidelines," Obama said inside the soaring legislative chamber of the capital city. "We will be



U.S. President Barack Obama, right, toasts India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at a state dinner at Rashtrapati Bhavan, or President's Palace in New Delhi, India, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010.

right there with you, shoulder to shoulder, because we believe in the promise of India."

To Obama, that promise entails shaking up the world order by giving more voice to developing countries that offer lucra-

tive markets for U.S. products and potential help to counter terrorism and a warming planet. India fits Obama's agenda perfectly because it is the world's largest democracy and sits in the heart of a pivotal, vexing region.

## Obama next visits bumpy democracy of Indonesia

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)**—President Barack Obama's next stop on a tour of Asian democracies is an emerging economic power but also a country where U.S.-backed military and police still stifle dissent.

Just ask Anggen Pugu Kiwo, who became a symbol of ongoing abuses in far-flung regions when a video appeared on the Internet showing him being tortured by men who were allegedly soldiers.

The 50-year-old was shown

lying naked on the gravel as one of his interrogators stood roughly on his chest and another placing burning stick to his genitals.

"I thought I was going to die," Kiwo said softly, his voice shaking. "At one point I prayed they would just shoot me."

When Obama arrives in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, on Tuesday he will find a country almost unrecognizable from the one he knew as a child.

Since emerging from decades of dictatorship under Gen. Suharto in 1998, the nation of 237 million people has made tremendous strides toward democracy, scrapping repressive laws, freeing the media and allowing citizens to directly pick their own leaders.

It also has one of the fastest growing economies in the region, thanks to a booming stock market, abundant natural resources, and consumers who are eager to spend.

vote as unfair and repressive.

### APEC debates having power to forge trade deals

**YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP)**—Pacific Rim economies are debating whether to give APEC the power to negotiate free trade pacts, a move that could pave the way for a massive free trade zone that lowers tariffs on goods from electronics to food. Members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum—including top economies the U.S., China and Japan—are using their annual gathering this week to discuss changing the toothless organization into one with enough authority to negotiate a binding Pacific-wide free trade agreement, Japanese officials said Monday. If realized, it would encompass 44 percent of global trade and more than half the world economy. But it also has the potential to batter farmers in countries like Japan

and South Korea, where an array of agricultural products are protected by high tariffs.

### Pentagon chiefs: Afghans can manage by 2014

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)**—Afghanistan should be ready to handle its own security by the year 2014, the top U.S. defense chiefs said Monday. Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen said NATO should endorse the 2014 timeline proposed by Afghan President Hamid Karzai when the alliance holds its annual summit later this month. "As a target at this point that makes sense, so I am comfortable with it," Mullen said. The 2014 date would give a symbolic deadline for ending the war and bringing most combat forces home. The war is already in its 10th year and unpopular in the U.S. and Europe.

# World

## Cholera suspected in Haitian capital

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**—Health officials said Monday that they are examining at least 120 suspected cases of cholera in Haiti's capital, the most significant warning sign yet that the epidemic has spread from outlying areas to threaten as many as 3 million people. Samples from patients in Port-au-Prince are being tested in a laboratory to confirm the presence of vibrio cholera bacteria, which has already killed at least 544 people in Haiti, Health Ministry Executive Director Gabriel Timothee told The Associated Press.

If confirmed, the bacteria could imperil an estimated 2.5 to 3 million inhabitants, nearly half of whom have been living in tents or under tarps in easily flooded encampments since their houses

were destroyed in the Jan. 12 earthquake.

"We are working on the cases. ... We don't have confirmation yet," Timothee said.

He said many of the hospitalized patients are believed to have recently arrived from parts of Haiti such as the Artibonite Valley, where the epidemic was first registered and has done its most ferocious damage. More than 6,400 of the known 8,138 cases to date have been in the agricultural region, clustered around the Artibonite River.

At least 114 of the people suspected of having the disease in the capital are in the Cite Soleil slum, the expansive oceanside shantytown at the capital's far northeastern edge and its closest point to the valley.

Since its discovery in late October, the disease has spread to half of Haiti's 10 administrative regions, or departments. More than 200 people have been hospitalized in the West department, where Port-au-Prince is located, but no cases of cholera have yet been confirmed within the limits of the capital city.

Cholera had never been documented in Haiti before its sudden appearance last month.

In little more than three weeks it is suspected of infecting tens of thousands of people, though only about a quarter of people infected normally develop symptoms of serious diarrhea, vomiting and fever. Nearly 4 percent of the thousands hospitalized have died, most from extreme shock brought on by dehydration.

## American Lori Berenson freed from Peru prison

**LIMA, Peru (AP)**—American activist Lori Berenson walked free from a Peruvian prison Monday for the second time after serving three-quarters of a 20-year sentence for collaborating with leftist rebels. Her legal troubles are not over, however, as Peru's top anti-terrorism prosecutor has appealed her parole.

The 40-year-old New York woman and her lawyer and husband, Anibal Apari, arrived by taxi just after dark two blocks from her Lima apartment after slipping out a side door at the prison where she was jailed again in August

on a technicality.

"I will not be making any statements at this time," Berenson told reporters as she carried in a black backpack and a green shopping bag.



Berenson

The couple's 18-month-old son, Salvador, awaited them at the apartment along with Berenson's mother, Rhoda, who had spirited the child out of the prison several hours earlier.

Apari told The Associated Press that Berenson planned to speak to news media but wanted first to rest.

He told reporters that Be-

renson was "once again trying to adjust, and organizing her things" at the residence in Lima's upscale Miraflores district, where he said she plans to spend her time working and studying.

Berenson was initially paroled in May, and the same judge who first freed Berenson reinstated her parole Friday.

The former Massachusetts Institute of Technology student must remain in Peru until her full sentence is served—unless President Alan Garcia decides to commute it.

Garcia has indicated he will not consider a decision until all of the legal issues in the case have been resolved.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Radical Yemeni cleric calls for killing Americans

**CAIRO (AP)**—A U.S.-born radical cleric who belongs to the al-Qaida offshoot behind the cargo bomb plot on the United States told Muslims they are free to kill American "devils" at will in a video posted on extremist websites Monday. Anwar al-Awlaki's vitriolic sermons have inspired several attacks against the United States, and Yemeni officials say he may have given his blessing to the mail bomb plot even if he did not take an active part in it. The al-Qaida branch in Yemen, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, claimed responsibility for the foiled bomb plot. In past messages, al-Awlaki has justified killing American civilians as retaliation for the killing of hundreds of thousands of Muslim civilians in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. But this appeared to be an escalation, with the 39-year-old cleric arguing that no rationale was needed to seek out and

kill Americans.

#### Car bombs in Iraqi Shiite cities kill 21

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—Car bombs struck three Shiite cities in southern Iraq on Monday, killing more than 20 people in an apparent move to derail progress toward forming a new government as political leaders tried to break the eight-month deadlock. The blasts in the holy cities of Karbala and Najaf and in Iraq's second largest city of Basra were the third major attacks since last week, after the slaughter of more than 50 Christians in a Baghdad church and a string of 13 coordinated bombings across Baghdad that killed more than 90 people. There was no claim of responsibility for Monday's attacks, but the violence underscores the desire of al-Qaida and other Sunni extremists to foment sectarian division at a time when Iraqis are watching to see if their leaders can form a new government accepted

by both the Shiite majority and the Sunni minority.

#### Iranian Nobel laureate says opposition growing

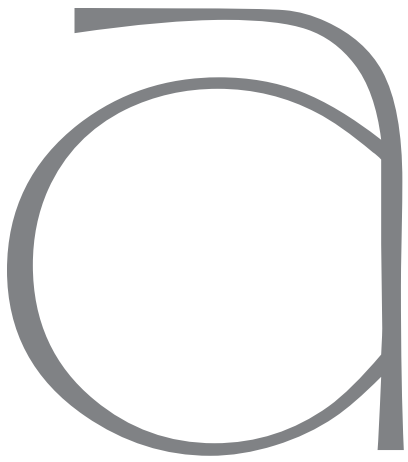
**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**—Iranian Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi said Monday that opposition to the Iranian government is growing, spurred by an increase in government violence, more human rights violations and deepening poverty. The human rights lawyer, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2003 for her efforts to promote democracy, said in an interview with The Associated Press that she came to the United Nations to talk about the deteriorating human rights situation in Iran and seek support for a draft U.N. General Assembly resolution that would condemn the country's rights record. Although much of the opposition movement has gone underground since the violent crackdown after the disputed June 2009 presidential election, Ebadi said it definitely isn't faltering.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Sporadic fighting continues at Myanmar border

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—Fighting between ethnic rebels and government troops rumbled on for a third day Tuesday as activists warned that the violence, which has sparked a refugee exodus from Myanmar, could escalate in the aftermath of contentious elections. Clashes at key points along the Thai-Myanmar border since Sunday have sent some 15,000 panicked villagers into Thailand, which already shelters a quarter-million ethnic minority refugees from brutal campaigns by the Myanmar army. The exodus underlined Myanmar's vulnerability to unrest following the country's first election in two decades on Sunday, which were billed by the ruling junta as a key stage in its self-proclaimed road to democracy. Its political opponents and Western nations have decried the

# Focus



Most Americans simply don't apply for jobs harvesting fruits and vegetables in California, where one of every eight people is out of work, according to government data for a federal seasonal farmworker program analyzed by The Associated Press.

And the few unemployed Americans who apply through official channels usually don't stay on in the fields.

"It's just not something that most Americans are going to pack up their bags and move here to do," said farmer Steve Fortin, who pays \$10.25 an hour to foreign workers to trim strawberry plants for six weeks each summer at his nursery near the Nevada border. He has spent \$3,000 this year ensuring domestic workers have first dibs on his jobs in the sparsely populated stretch of the state, advertising in newspapers and on an electronic job registry.

But he hasn't had any takers, and only one farmer in the state hired anyone using a little-known, little-used program to hire foreign farmworkers the legal way—by applying for guest worker visas.

Since January, California farmers have posted ads for 1,160 farmworker positions open to U.S. citizens and legal residents seeking work.

Only 233 people applied after being

s the economy tanked during the past two years, a debate has raged over whether immigrants are taking jobs that Americans want. Here, amid the sweltering vineyards of the largest farm state, the answer is no.



In this Sept. 24, 2010 photo, Benjamin Reynosa, 49, of Orange Cove, picks table grapes near Fowler, Calif.

## Despite economy, Americans don't want farm work

By GARANCE BURKE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

linked with the jobs through unemployment offices in California, Texas, Nevada and Arizona. One grower brought on 36 U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents. No one else hired any.

"It surprises me, too, but we do put the information out there for the public," said Lucy Ruelas, who manages the California Employment Development Department's agricultural services unit. "If an applicant sees the reality of the job, they might change their mind."

The California figures represent a small sample of efforts to recruit domestic workers under the H-2A Guest Worker Program, but they provide a snapshot of how hard it is to lure Americans to farm labor—and to get growers to use the program.

Fortin is one of just 23 of the estimated 40,900 full-time farmers and ranchers in California who petitioned this year to bring in foreign farmworkers through legal means, the government data showed. The Labor Department did not respond to a request for comment about the findings.

More than half of farmworkers in the United States are illegal immigrants, according to the Labor Department, and another fourth of them were born outside the country. Proponents of tougher immigration laws—as well

as the United Farm Workers of America—say farmers are used to a cheap, largely undocumented work force, and say if growers raised wages and improved working conditions, the jobs would attract Americans.

whether local workers would take jobs in the field if wages rose. Philip Martin, a professor of agricultural and resource economics at the University of California, Davis, said because so few farmers participate in the H-2A program, the

minimum wage or a dollar more."

The Labor Department collects the same data about H-2A visa applications for all 50 states, but does not make it publicly available. In response to a Freedom of Information

Benjamin Reynosa, who was picking ruby-colored grapes in 90-degree Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) heat near Fowler, said he often is the only U.S. legal resident on seasonal crews. He said most people hear about the jobs through word of mouth or signs tacked outside rural stores, not the electronic registry.

"I've been working in agriculture for 22 years and I can tell you there are very few gringos out here," said Reynosa, 49. "If people know English, they go to work in packinghouses or sit in an office."

In Tulare County, where the unemployment rate is above 16 percent, job seekers on a recent morning crowded around computers at the job development agency. Staff appeared unaware the guest worker program required them to advertise the jobs.

"We just don't advertise those kinds of farmworker jobs," said Sandi Miller, program coordinator for the county's work force investment board.

Amid the U.S. Army flyers posted in the lobby, however, under the heading "HOT JOB LEADS" was an ad for a farmworker position, preferring someone with Spanish fluency and tractor maintenance skills.

Miller said later it was the first she had seen such a notice. She hadn't received any applications, she said.

*'It's just not something that most Americans are going to pack up their bags and move here to do.'*

So far, an effort by the UFW to get Americans to take farm jobs has been more effective in attracting applicants than the official channels.

The UFW in June launched the "Take Our Jobs Campaign," inviting people to go online and apply.

About 8,600 people filled out an application form, but only 7 have been placed in farm jobs, UFW President Arturo Rodriguez said.

Economists have long argued over

data's limitations make it hard to draw national conclusions. Under current conditions, the figures show the work force will remain almost entirely immigrant, he said.

"Recruitment of U.S. workers in this program doesn't work well primarily because employers have already identified who they want to bring in from abroad," Martin said. "I don't think a lot of U.S. workers are going out there looking for a seasonal job paying the

Act request from AP, the agency said it would provide some records for nearly \$11,000, but it was not clear whether the information would show how many Americans had applied for farm labor jobs nationwide.

Even California officials say the guest worker program needs fixing, despite a reform effort announced in February by Labor Secretary Hilda Solis meant to boost efforts to fill crop-picking jobs first with domestic workers.

# Campus Life

## Rota, Guam students take part in Red Ribbon Week

As part of Red Ribbon Week, the Pacific Regional Training Institute, or PRTI, Drug and Violence Prevention students portrayed what it means to them to be drug-free. PRTI commander Jon Takamura says his group has been active with the Red Ribbon Week campaign for years.

He says this is a meaningful initiative because it's an opportunity for local groups and organizations to promote a drug-free workforce. "We're talking about our community being drug-free and we're focusing on a core component, which are the schools and the youth," Takamura said. "These are the people who are going to be our workforce in the next couple of years. In order to have a healthy workforce we have to have a drug-free workforce environment."

The event also included activities at the food court with performances by students from various schools in Guam and on Rota. The winners of the poster contest were announced during a "Say Boo to Drugs" event at the Agana Shopping Center in Guam last week.

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated on Oct. 23-31, 2010.

Every student (those in public, charter, private, and parochial schools) had the opportunity to participate in Red Ribbon Week



Seventh and eighth grade students of Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja pose for souvenir photo celebrating Red Ribbon Week and the kickoff of their various drug and violence prevention programs. From left: PRTI DARE student body president Chuck Barcinas, PRTI GUTS student body president Fortunato Manglona Jr., ESFDB STUCO president Kish Doromal, and PRTI GREAT student body president Skye Lee Manglona. Not in photo is PRTI director Edward Maratita Jr. and 7th/8th Grade adviser Mary Rose Lucero.

by promising that they will remain drug-free. Each student who made the promise wore a special red ribbon throughout the week. Each local school decided the kinds of events to be held for Red Ribbon Week. Most schools had schoolwide assemblies, art fairs, essay contests or other events that focused

students' attention on what they could do to keep themselves and their families drug-free.

As part of the Red Ribbon Week celebration, the PRTI kicked off another of their long awaited prevention program called B.R.A.V.E. (Bully Resistance And Victim Education). Various schools from the

Department of Defense Educational Activity, Hawaii, Guam, Rota, and the Philippines availed of the pilot program.

According to the PRTI regional director Edward Maratita Jr., Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja on Rota and St. Patrick School in Hawaii were the first schools to implement the pilot program, fol-

lowed by the others.

The B.R.A.V.E program has been offered to elementary, junior high, and high schools since 2000 and is being taught to thousands of students a year. It was developed with an emphasis on the importance of preventative self-defense, to educate youths, parents, and/or teachers on the importance of addressing incidents that may occur inside the schoolyard, at home, or on the Internet.

The PRTI B.R.A.V.E. Program believe they have an obligation to the students they teach: to always conduct ourselves in a professional manner; to teach preventative skills that give the children the tools to access a situation and deal with it before it becomes physical; to increase a student's confidence in the material they learn; and help students realize that defending oneself is not just something one does physically.

Other than the children themselves, teachers are a school's most valuable resource for combating bullying and victimiza-

tion. Successful teachers guide children toward higher levels of moral reasoning, show warmth, and anticipate interpersonal problems by knowing their students' social status, peer groups, friends, and enemies.

Teachers are not powerless when it comes to bullying and victimization. Rather, they are the leaders and diplomats of their classrooms. Their goal is not only to enforce rules, but also to resolve conflicts and promote healthy relationships.

"Remember that a bully is not only in school. We deal with bullies as adults whether it be a friend, a family member, or neighbor," said Maratita.

The skills that B.R.A.V.E. gives are not just for today but for life.

Aside from the grants given to the various prevention programs, PRTI received its annual anonymous donation of \$50,000 to continue its efforts in the drug and violence prevention. The institute is very grateful for the generous donation. (Ford Ebesugawa)

## Students need lessons in off-campus safety, experts say

By NICK CLUNN  
THE RECORD (HACKENSACK N.J.)

**HACKENSACK, N.J.**—The key cards and security guards that provide a layer of protection on college campuses might as well be a world away when a student steps beyond the front gates.

Within several blocks, students might see a campus police officer on patrol and the familiar faces of their peers. Expand the radius, however, and the occasional shuttle bus may be the only sign of a nearby college. The call boxes and other safeguards installed on campus—and often stressed to prospective students and their parents during tours—can't help out here.

"In my professional opinion, I don't believe we're responsible," said Paul Cell, chief of the Montclair State University Police Department, about protecting students from off-campus crime. "But I do believe we have an obligation to provide them with information that they can use to protect themselves while they're not here."

Because university police can't be everywhere, educating teens and young adults to make common-sense decisions to protect themselves is an important weapon against off-campus crime.

It's easier said than done,

however. An overwhelming number of incoming freshmen have never lived on their own. Students who leave suburban and rural settings to attend colleges in cities, where crime is typically more prevalent, can face additional challenges amid an unfamiliar landscape.

While many students who encounter crime off campus fall victim to theft, such as having a GPS unit snatched from a car, others in rare instances face tragic ends.

Last month, Jessica Moore, a 19-year-old sophomore from Seton Hall University, was shot dead while attending a private party at an apartment. Police say the shooter, who has since been arrested, was denied access to the party, but returned later with a handgun.

Moore was killed in East Orange, N.J.—one mile and two towns away from Seton Hall. The university responded by organizing a prayer service and encouraging students to travel in groups when walking off campus. It is unlikely that Moore could have done anything to protect herself from a shooter with no set target.

In other, more common, situations there are certain precautions that students can take.

The website for the New Jersey Institute of Technology in

Newark contains a detailed list of recommendations for what students should do when walking off campus, using public transit and even dating.

Education programs at NJIT start at open house events, when police officers staff a table to answer questions of prospective students and their parents. They continue at freshman orientation and into the school year.

NJIT police routinely extend patrols a few blocks off campus. Officers are assigned to monitor a city subway stop on campus, even though it's technically covered by NJ Transit police. Robert Sabattis, director of public safety at NJIT, said "it's all about awareness."

"For any police department, crime prevention is something you always have to keep beating the drum for," he said.

Improving student safety off campus has also become the mission of many college organizations.

The Student Government at Notre Dame University runs a website specifically geared toward off-campus life. It contains information about restaurants and bus routes. But there are up-to-date maps pinpointing the locations of recent crimes, and contact information for municipal police departments.

One non-profit organization

based in New York, PEACE OUTSIDE CAMPUS, has protecting students from off-campus crime as its sole mission. It has established several chapters at colleges. The organization was established by Mark and Kathleen Bonistall after their daughter, Lindsey, was raped and strangled in her apartment near the University of Delaware, where she attended school as a sophomore.

The website for the group contains a checklist of questions to ask and security measures to verify when students are looking for an apartment. Another list tells students how to safeguard their apartments once they've moved in. Visit the website here: <http://www.peaceoutsidecampus.org/>.

Colleges can better convey that kind of information through police if students view the officers as approachable resources, and not just law enforcers who like to arrest teens and break up parties, said Cell, of Montclair State.

Police at Montclair have attempted to change their image by offering free self-defense courses, assessing the safety of foreign travel destinations for spring break vacations and mentoring students who run into trouble with municipal police over minor offenses, such as a noise violation.

### HONORS LIST

The following students are the latest on the honor roll of the Saipan SDA School:

#### HONOR ROLL

Raeyl Solis - 1st  
Rinto Takahashi - 2nd  
JC Fabros - 3rd  
Langting Lao - 4th  
Cyrus Rose - 4th  
Andy Zhu - 4th  
Michelle Palacios - 5th  
Alex Lin - 6th  
Danielle Zayco - 6th  
Ellie Eichenberger - 7th  
Yoshiki Teraoka - 7th  
Andrei Woodruff - 7th

Denise Kim - 8th

Joey Nigh - 8th  
Tyler Palacios - 8th  
Ga In Park - 9th

#### PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Cory Lee - 1st  
Christina Selkor - 1st  
Parker Callier - 1st  
Shaquille Calub - 1st  
Ivan Sitchon - 2nd  
Valera Jotanovic - 2nd  
Kate Woodruff - 2nd

Donaven Deleon Guerrero - 3rd

Quincy Chinen - 4th  
Billy Zhu - 4th  
Grant Eichenberger - 5th

Jon Ernest Lacorte - 5th  
Hatsuko Bearden - 8th  
Jong Woo Kim - 8th  
Jirene Lacorte - 8th  
Su Hyun Nam - 8th  
Grace Barro - 9th  
Nurisol Kim - 10th



Honor students of the Saipan SDA School have their picture taken at the school's grounds.

# Life & Style

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Jennifer Lawrence truly sensed her career had changed once celebrity photographers and comic-book fans began stalking her to take pictures of her “in human form.”

Lawrence, who has Academy Awards buzz for a star-making performance in Sundance Film Festival prize winner “Winter’s Bone,” now is shooting her first big studio film—an “X-Men” prequel in which she plays shape-shifting mutant Mystique.

The day after she was cast, Lawrence and a friend were leaving her hotel when the photographers turned up.

Her friend asked, “Who are these people here for?” and I was like, ‘I don’t know,’” Lawrence, 20, said in an interview at Hollywood’s Chateau Marmont hotel, shortly before a reception to mark Tuesday’s DVD release of “Winter’s Bone.” “And then they started taking my picture, and she goes, ‘No way!’ And I was like, ‘No, definitely not. It can’t be me.’”

“Then we heard someone yell, ‘Don’t take pictures of Mystique when she’s in human form!’ We both looked at each other, and she goes, ‘I am so happy I was here for that, because you are never going to live that down.’”

Last January, Lawrence

## ‘Winter’s Bone’ star Lawrence leaps to ‘X-Men’

By **DAVID GERMAIN**  
AP MOVIE WRITER



Actress Jennifer Lawrence poses for photos in West Hollywood, Calif., Monday, Oct. 25, 2010.

AP

was shot on a tiny \$2 million budget, spare change for a big Hollywood production, and has grossed \$6.2 million, a respectable return for an indie film.

Director Debra Granik and her collaborators considered trying to raise the money to shoot “Winter’s Bone” on a bigger scale, a move that likely would have left Lawrence out of the running, since financial backers would have demanded an established box-office draw in the lead.

“It was only when we went really independent that we could go back to casting somebody who’s just right. She didn’t have to be already branded as someone who was already a proven commodity,” Granik said.

Lawrence now is on her way to proven status. “X-Men: First Class,” due out next summer, came her way amid the flurry of attention Lawrence received after Sundance. Lawrence was so convincing as a teen in peril in “Winter’s Bone,” though, that she nearly lost out on another choice part.

had been a little-known actress, off to an impressive start with roles in small independent features such as Charlize Theron’s “The Burning Plain” and Lori Petty’s “The Poker House,” along with TV credits

that included a season on “The Bill Engvall Show.”

Then “Winter’s Bone” premiered at Sundance, where it won the top prize for U.S. dramas. The film earned great reviews for Lawrence as an Ozark

Mountains teen on a terrifying quest through the region’s criminal underbelly to discover the fate of her missing father and hold her family together.

Adapted from Daniel Woodrell’s novel, “Winter’s Bone”

## Bush is back, and eager to help history judge him

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—George W. Bush knows that history will shape his legacy more than anything he can say. But that’s not gonna stop a guy from trying.

After two years of near silence, Bush is back.

With his new memoir, “Decision Points,” and a promotion tour, the president who in cockier times could not think of a single mistake he had made, lists many. He counts the years without a post-9/11 attack as his transcendent achievement. He says the economic calamity he handed off to Barack Obama was “one ugly way to end a presidency.”

While he’s been absent from the national scene, Bush’s team has been busy. Some of the most polarizing figures from his 2001-2009 presidency have found second lives in the political world.

Karl Rove, the operative who might as well have put “mastermind” on his business card, became a master money-raiser for the midterm elections in plenty of time to make Democrats apoplectic all over again. Dick Cheney, the Bush vice president whose influence rivaled if not surpassed Rove’s, has tormented the Obama administration at many turns.

Not Bush.

He has given the occasional innocuous speech, has tended his presidential center, has helped with Haiti earthquake relief and



In this Aug. 31, 2005 file photo, President George W. Bush looks out the window of Air Force One over New Orleans, to survey the damage from Hurricane Katrina.

has offered glimpses of a life that has him walking Barney the dog in his Dallas neighborhood with a poop bag, “picking up that which I had been dodging for the past eight years.”

“Decision Points” puts Bush back in the public eye. He’ll be all over TV this week and beyond, from news and opinion shows to Oprah Winfrey and Jay Leno.

But times have changed.

Hard-driving tea party adherents, a post-Bush movement, helped to power a Republican takeover of the House and gains in the Senate in the recent elections, seemingly light years from the “compassionate conservatism” that Bush said he hoped to bring to the White House from Texas a decade ago.

For all the sour struggles of his time in Washington and the divisiveness over war policy, Bush pushed Congress to spend billions more on education and ushered in prescription drug coverage for seniors in a major expansion of health care, now overshadowed by Obama’s overhaul. Those measures, too, are out of step with the Republican majority coming in.

And he’s not out to trash Obama in his new book. The Democrat, in his 2008 presidential campaign, spared no effort to criticize Bush for taking the U.S. to war in Iraq, for letting the effort in Afghanistan flag and for presiding over an economy sinking into the Great Recession.

Bush turns the other cheek, merely praising Obama’s decision to add troops in Afghanistan.

Instead he details difficult times with Cheney, still his friend, delivering some of the buzz-generating palace intrigue that is expected of any political memoir. Expect still more with memoirs coming out in January by Bush’s first defense secretary, Donald H. Rumsfeld, and by Cheney himself in the spring.

Bush was unpopular when he left office and he still is, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll in September. In the survey, 55 percent looked at him unfavorably and 51 percent blamed him for the economic crisis that began on his watch.

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 17th birthday to Ray Skilang Lizama, who is celebrating his special day today, Nov. 10! Have a blessed day and may you have many more to come. We love you! Greetings come from Grandma Mary Lizama; Auntie Linda, Brenda, Mary, Julie and Darlyn; Uncle John and Pedro (Jr.), and your cousins.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 4th birthday to LiaGirl Camacho! May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy, happy birthday to Naomi Therese! Have a joker ballin’ one and hope you get everything you’ve always wanted! Stay beautiful and happy. Today is your excuse to be treated like a princess! Love always, your favorite cousin and the entire BODIG familia!



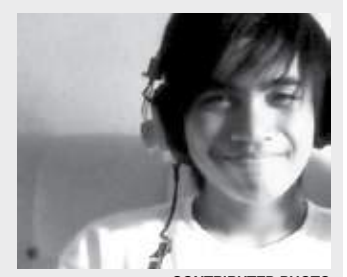
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Happy birthday “Scorpio Twins” Nerissa Arriola, left, and Vanessa Kosack, who are both celebrating their birthday today, Nov. 10! Enjoy your birthday and party like rock stars! Greetings come from the family, friends and the kiddos.



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Happy, happy birthday shout-out to Alisa Torres Pangelinan, who celebrates her birthday today, Nov. 10! May you have an awesomely great and wonderful Day and may you have many, many more birthdays to come! Much love coming out from si Ton, your Lancheru family, your entire familia and friends—most especially si Prom Date!



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday greetings go out to Ray “Boboy” Lizama, who celebrates his birthday today! May you continue to rock it and shine! Much love coming out from your “Element” crew.

# Michael Jackson's children recall pop star father



In this photo taken Oct. 9, 2010 and provided by Harpo Productions Inc., talk-show host Oprah Winfrey, left, is seen with the Jacksons, during an interview with Katherine Jackson, second from left, mother of the late pop star Michael Jackson, in a taping of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in Encino, Calif. Looking on are Joe Jackson, Michael's father, and Michael's three children from left, Prince, Paris and Blanket.

**CHICAGO (AP)**—Michael Jackson's children and mother said on Monday's episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that they're still learning to cope with his death a year and a half after the pop star overdosed on a powerful anesthetic.

Jackson's oldest children, 13-year-old Prince and 12-year-old Paris, said they are adjusting well to private school, although their younger brother, Blanket, 8, is still home-schooled. The children have been living with grandmother Katherine Jackson, who is their guardian, since their father's death in June 2009.

In the pre-taped interview, Katherine Jackson said Blanket, whose given name is Prince Michael Jackson II, is shy but now wants to attend school next year, when he'll be in fourth grade.

The children were taped in the Jackson's back yard with several cousins

and spoke about their memories of their father.

Prince, whose birth name is Michael Joseph Jackson Jr., said when the family lived in Bahrain, he and his father often walked the beach early in the morning drinking Coca Cola and eating Skittles or Snickers. Paris said he took her to art museums and was "the best cook ever."

Katherine Jackson said she wants to give the children as normal a childhood as possible, and is more lenient than her son was—including when he made the children wear veils in public.

Paris said the veils weren't always comfortable but that they wore them "because then when we did go out without our dad nobody would really recognize us," and she appreciated that he was trying to protect them.

"I kind of felt like no one understands

what a good father he was," Paris said.

Katherine Jackson also told Winfrey that she believes her son was addicted to plastic surgery, and once even asked his surgeon to pretend that he'd operated on Jackson's nose if he ever asked for another surgery. She said she was concerned that his nose kept getting smaller and that it looked "like a toothpick at one time."

She said her son was insecure about his looks, and "one day he just made up his mind, and he just left, and when I inquired about where he was, he had gone down to get his nose done."

Jackson's father, Joe Jackson, also appeared in a brief interview with his wife and denied to Winfrey that he had beaten his children, as Michael Jackson had told Winfrey in a 1993 interview. But when prodded by his wife, who said "you might as well admit it," Joe

Jackson acknowledged whipping them with a strap to keep them out of trouble.

Joe and Katherine Jackson also denied they had ever filed for divorce, though Joe Jackson—who in an interview last year blamed his wife for their son's death—said he thinks his wife "is too easy with people ... just like Michael."

Michael Jackson physician Conrad Murray is charged with involuntary manslaughter for allegedly improperly administering a mixture of sedatives, including the anesthetic propofol, in an attempt to get the chronic insomniac to sleep. Murray has pleaded not guilty.

Last month, Jackson's brother Randy complained about the interview in a series of posts on Twitter, saying he disagreed with his parents allowing the interview.

## Tattoo artist Shaw arrested on NYC weapons charges

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Noted tattoo artist Jonathan Shaw cultivates an outlaw image, and now prosecutors say it's for real: He was charged Monday with stashing a horde of guns, knives and ammunition in a storage locker.

Shaw, a son of the late jazz giant Artie Shaw, was trying to ship a loaded AK-47 assault rifle, three other firearms, 96 knives and more than 2,800 rounds of ammunition to his Los Angeles home when a mover called authorities, prosecutors said. He was charged under state laws that require permits for certain guns and generally bar people from having loaded guns outside their homes or workplaces, among other restrictions.

Defense lawyer Brian T. Pakett said Shaw has receipts to show all the weapons were bought legally 15 or more years ago, and the artist had "no intent to use" them.

"We are confident this case will be cleared up," Pakett said. "Mr. Shaw

is a very peaceful man. He's a very caring man."

A self-described "world-traveling outlaw artist," Shaw, 57, was a figure for years in what was then a semi-underground New York tattoo scene. Tattoo parlors were illegal in the city for more than 30 years until the ban was lifted in 1997. In the meantime, Shaw made a name for himself and his Fun City tattoo shop, in Manhattan's bohemian East Village.

He became known for popularizing tattoos based on tribal symbols and developed a celebrity following. His 2008 novel, "Narcisa: Our Lady of Ashes," boasts blurbs from Johnny Depp, Marilyn Manson and Blondie singer Deborah Harry, among others. Punk-rock icon Iggy Pop called him "the great nightmare anti-hero of the new age."

Shaw has retired from tattooing, according to his website, ScabVendor.com.

He has said he was estranged for most of his life from his bandleader father, who epitomized the Big Band era with such hits as "Begin the Beguine" and "Stardust." Artie Shaw died in 2004; Jonathan Shaw's mother, "The Lost Weekend" actress Doris Dowling, also died that year.

A worker with moving company First Global Xpress spotted boxes of ammunition when one of Jonathan Shaw's suitcases fell open Saturday as it was being moved for shipping from a Manhattan storage unit, and then the worker opened a blanket-wrapped bundle and duffel bag to find firearms, according to a court complaint.

First Global President Justin Brown said the New York-based company, which isn't authorized to ship firearms and has workers trained to watch out for possible security risks, quickly alerted authorities.

Police ultimately found a collection of weapons that included a 12-gauge

shotgun, a loaded .30-caliber rifle, a loaded British military rifle and eight expandable batons, among other items, the complaint said.

Shaw unsuccessfully applied for a New York firearms license in 1990, Manhattan assistant district attorney Christopher Prevost said.

Pakett declined to discuss why Shaw had the weapons, but the lawyer said Shaw had let workers know Saturday what was in the storage unit. Officials with the storage company, Manhattan Mini Storage, declined to comment.

Shaw was in town to attend a friend's art show, Pakett said. The artist was released later Monday on \$250,000 bond.

Shaw's arrest record also includes a small-scale theft conviction in California, prosecutors said. Pakett said that incident happened more than 16 years ago.

The top charge in the weapons case carries a potential sentence of up to 15 years in prison.

## Olbermann apologizes to fans for donation 'drama'



**Olbermann**

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Keith Olbermann apologized to his fans—but not NBC News—on Monday for the "unnecessary drama" surrounding his two-day suspension for making political donations.

The "Countdown" host complained that he was being punished for mistakenly violating an inconsistently applied rule that he had known nothing about. He said he learned he was being suspended from the media after being assured that form of discipline wouldn't be taken.

Olbermann was suspended without pay Friday by his bosses at MSNBC, a suspension they announced two days later would be lifted. He's due to return to work Tuesday.

The left-leaning cable network's most popular personality acknowledged donating \$2,400 apiece to the campaigns of Kentucky Senate candidate Jack Conway and Arizona Reps. Raul Grijalva and Gabrielle Giffords. NBC News prohibits its employees from making political donations unless an exception is granted in advance by the network news president. Olbermann's bosses said they didn't know about the donations until being told about them by a reporter.

"Certainly this mistake merited a form of public acknowledgement and/or internal warning," Olbermann said in a statement, "and an on-air discussion about the merits of limitations on such campaign contributions by all employees of news organizations."

Instead, he was suspended "without a hearing," he said.

MSNBC spokesman Jeremy Gaines said the network wouldn't respond to Olbermann's statements.

Olbermann said he did not attempt to keep any of the donations secret and offered to "explain all this, on air and off, in the fashion MSNBC desired."

The Progressive Change Campaign Committee took on Olbermann's suspension as a cause, starting an online petition drive for his reinstatement that gathered more than 300,000 signatures.

Olbermann thanked viewers for their "extraordinary and ground-rattling support."

"Your efforts have been integral to the remedying of these recent events, and the results should remind us of the power of individuals spontaneously acting together to correct injustices great or small," he said. Of course, some took a different view of the suspension.

# Warner Bros to buy Harry Potter studio in England

**LONDON (AP)**—The U.S.-based entertainment company Warner Bros announced on Monday plans to buy and expand the English studios where the Harry Potter films are made.

Warner Bros said it will invest roughly 100 million pounds (\$161 million) in a major expansion of the Leavesden Studios.

Chairman and chief executive Barry Meyer said the investment will give Warner Bros a full-time production base in Britain.

"For 86 years, Warner Bros has been intrinsically involved in film production in the U.K.," he said. "Our multimillion-pound investment in creating a state-of-the-art, permanent U.K. film production base further demonstrates our long-term commitment to, and confidence in, the skills and creativity of the UK film industry."

The purchase price was not announced. Further details are expected to be released Wednesday. The enlargement program is set

for completion in 2012.

The studio has been used for production of all the Harry Potter movies and other recent hits, including "The Dark Knight" and "Inception."

Leavesden Studios is based at a former airfield where aircraft were built during World War II and shortly afterward. It was later used by Rolls-Royce for the construction of airplane engines.

The studio is near Watford, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) northwest of London.

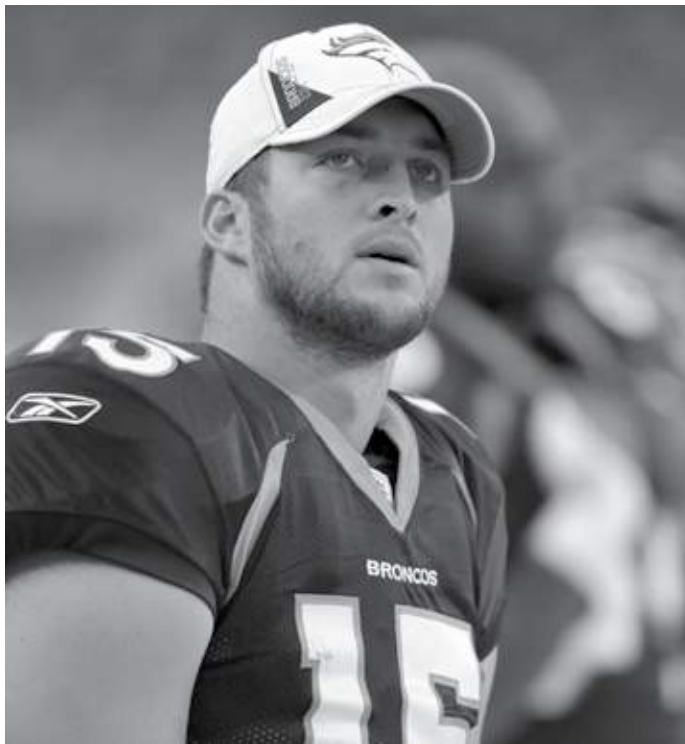
## Denver Broncos QB Tim Tebow working on memoir

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Former Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow is working on an inspirational memoir.

Tebow is collaborating with Nathan Whitaker on "Through My Eyes," scheduled to come out in April. HarperCollins announced the book Monday.

The former University of Florida quarterback was drafted this year in the first round by the Denver Broncos. He has played in four games so far, scoring two touchdowns in 10 carries, but has yet to throw a pass in the regular season.

In a statement released by HarperCollins, the 23-year-old Tebow said his book would be a story "of faith, family and football" and inspiring people to "fulfill their dreams."



AP  
In this Oct. 24, 2010 photo, Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow is seen during an NFL football game against the Oakland Raiders in Denver.

## Dina Lohan: Rehab 'life-changing' for Lindsay



AP  
In this July 20, 2010 file photo, Confetti flies as Lindsay Lohan arrives at the Beverly Hills courthouse in Beverly Hills, Calif.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Lindsay Lohan's mother says her daughter's treatment for addiction at the Betty Ford Clinic has been "life-changing."

Dina Lohan says the world-renowned addiction center in Rancho Mirage, Calif., is "an amazing place" that has really dug into the "Mean Girl" actress' problems and brought them to the surface. She said Lindsay, who was seen shopping on an approved outing

over the weekend, is happy and relaxed.

Her mother said on NBC's "Today" show on Monday: "She's just a different person."

Jail and rehab have failed for the actress in the past. She was sentenced to stay at Betty Ford until early January.

Lohan's interview with Matt Lauer was far less contentious than a similar one with Lauer this summer, and much shorter.

## Doherty's dad, her 'Dancing' inspiration, has died



**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Actress Shannen Doherty appeared on "Dancing With the Stars" last season to honor her father, who had recently suffered a stroke.

On Sunday, she issued a statement saying John Thomas Doherty died Friday at age 66 after a series of health issues.

Shannen Doherty was eliminated from "Dancing" in March after just one week of competition. But she considered her stint on the show a success because her father was in the audience, watching her perform.

"I did it for my dad," she said at the time.

In the statement, issued through her publicist, Shannen Doherty called her father the "greatest man in the world."

She added: "I love him with every inch of my being and cannot imagine life without him."

## Boyfriend's cell phone fantasy could become legal nightmare

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend is pressuring me to take his camera cell phone with me into the girls' locker room and take pictures of the other girls with little or nothing on. He says it has always been a "fantasy" of his, and that if I really love him I'll help him fulfill his fantasy.

He promises to keep the pictures secret and says that what the other girls don't know won't hurt them. He offered to do the same for me and take pictures in the boys' locker room, but I'm not interested. I know it would be wrong to do it, and I wouldn't want someone secretly taking pictures of me.

He hinted that if I refuse he will look for another girl who will. I'm scared of losing him because I'm not much to look at, and he's the only boy who has ever shown any interest in me. I know you're not going to tell me to go ahead and do this, so I'm not sure why I'm writing, but I would appreciate any advice you can give me.

DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM IN THE U.S.A.

**DEAR DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM:** I'm glad you wrote. If you do what this boy is pushing you to do, you could be thrown out of school. He will not be able to resist the urge to show the pictures to his friends—and possibly put them on the Internet. It would be a huge invasion of privacy and a breach of trust, and regardless of what he says, it will NOT bring you closer together.

If he truly cared about you, he would never ask you to do something that could get you into serious trouble. You could be accused of creating and distributing pornographic material, and there could be legal liability. The penalty you would pay isn't worth the "interest" he's showing in you. Run!

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**DEAR ABBY:** Two friends and I recently went on a trip together. While on the trip, one of them told me she knows how old I am because she looked it up online. My reply was that a friend would ask me for that kind of information, and if I didn't want to reveal my age she would respect my wishes.

Abby, I wonder about her reason for letting me know she was looking up information about me on the Internet. Am I wrong to be upset over it? Her response was that "everyone" does it, and because I was offended she will no longer speak to me. Did I overreact?

AGELESS TEXAN

**DEAR AGELESS TEXAN:** (Or should I say "formerly" ageless?) If the subject of your age came up during the trip and you expressed reluctance to reveal yours, then what the woman did was one-up you. That she would then imply that you were "wrong" to feel invaded and to no longer speak to you is her attempt to blame you for your very normal reaction.

That said, along with the "blessing" of the Internet has come the sobering reality that there are enormous amounts of information about all of us on it (some true, some not), and that anyone who is curious or nosy can mine it to his or her heart's content—which is what happened to you. And no, you did not overreact.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have had a long-standing disagreement. Her family leaves the price tags on all gifts. This has caused our children to expect that I spend the same amount on them for Christmas and birthdays. I feel they have become materialistic and have lost the meaning behind the gifts. My family never left the price tags on, and I feel that doing so is tacky. What's your opinion?

\$\$\$ IN HAMMOND, ILL.

**DEAR \$\$\$:** I agree with you. Leaving the price tag on a gift IS tacky.

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## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### New 'Walking Dead' already given life for season 2

**NEW YORK (AP)**—AMC network is rewarding its new zombie drama "The Walking Dead" with life for a second season after just two episodes have aired. The series premiered Halloween night as an instant hit, drawing 5.3 million viewers. The second episode, which aired Sunday, was seen by 4.7 million viewers. Set in the Atlanta area, "The Walking Dead" stars Andrew Lincoln as a small-town police officer leading a group of survivors after a zombie apocalypse. It is based on the comic book series written by Robert Kirkman. "The Walking Dead" takes its place as AMC's fourth original drama series, joining veteran dramas "Mad Men" and "Breaking Bad." The fate of "Rubicon," which recently concluded its first season, remains unclear.

### Photographer's lawsuit against Chris Brown settled

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Court records show a photographer has settled his lawsuit against Chris Brown claiming the singer's

bodyguards injured him. Robert Rosen sued in May 2009, claiming he was seriously hurt at a gym after being chased by Brown's bodyguards after snapping photos of the R&B singer. Rosen's attorney reported the settlement in a court filing Friday. The incident happened roughly a month after Brown's arrest in February 2009 for assaulting his then-girlfriend, Rihanna. The 21-year-old singer remains on probation for the attack. The settlement was first reported by celebrity website RadarOnline.com.

### Actress welcomes guilty verdict in NY stalker case

**NEW YORK (AP)**—"Law & Order: Criminal Intent" star Kathryn Erbe says she's relieved by the guilty verdict against a man accused of stalking her. In a statement Monday, the actress called the New York case "one of the most difficult experiences" of her life. A Brooklyn jury convicted Charles Nagel on Friday. It heard emotional testimony from Erbe, who played a detective on the USA Network series. The 44-year-old actress told jurors she got "a very bad feeling" when Nagel tried to hug her

on location in 2008. Prosecutors say he later used a social network site to post rude messages and photos of her family. The 36-year-old Nagel testified that he was a harmless, "star-struck" fan. He faces up to five years in prison.

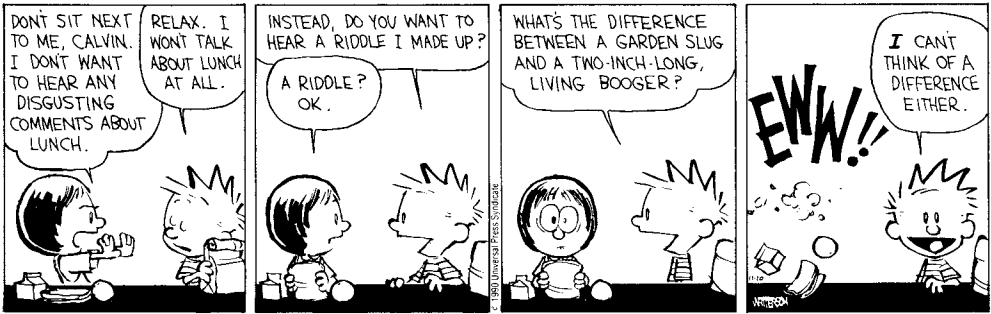
### Detroit symphony cancels more concerts amid strike

**DETROIT (AP)**—The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is canceling its concerts through Nov. 28 because of a continuing strike by its musicians. Canceled concerts include performances of Rachmaninoff and Dvorak set for Thursday through Sunday and of Irving Berlin for Nov. 18-21. The orchestra says guest artists and conductors will be rescheduled for future seasons. Informal discussions took place Friday between members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and management following the monthlong walkout. Musicians report no progress toward ending the strike that began Oct. 4. Management of the financially struggling orchestra has implemented a 33 percent base pay cut in the first year of the new contract. Musicians have offered a 22 percent reduction.

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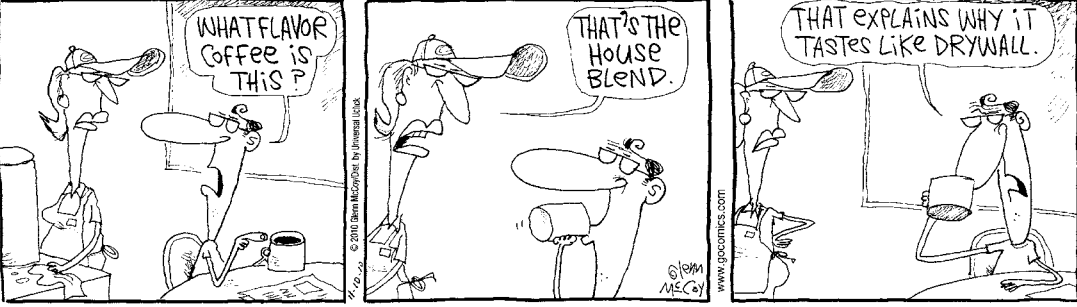
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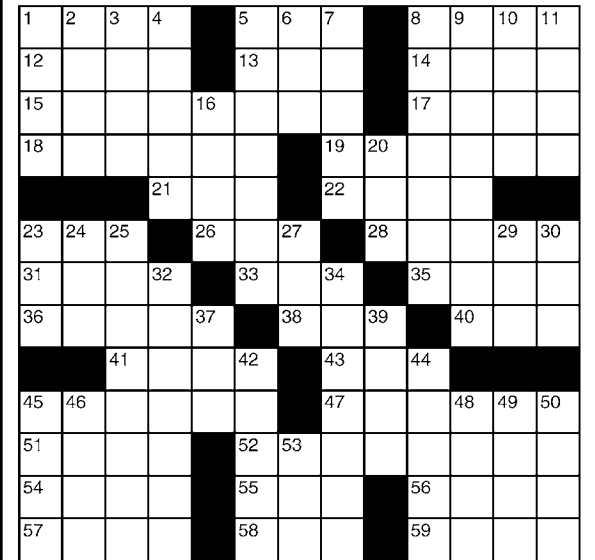
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't push your luck when it comes to your position or status. You cannot let your emotions take over, ruining what you've worked so hard to acquire. Focus more on quality and getting things accomplished. ★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** It's up to you to make a move. If you wait around for someone else to do something, you will end up in a stalemate. Taking the lead will work in your favor and show others you mean business. ★★★★★

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your past experience fresh in your mind so you don't make a mistake, altering the dynamics. It's important not to let your feelings overrule what you know is the right thing to do. ★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** A serious look at your lifestyle, health and wealth will be required if you want to take a step toward greater security and stability in your life. Listen to someone with experience. Good fortune can be yours. ★★★

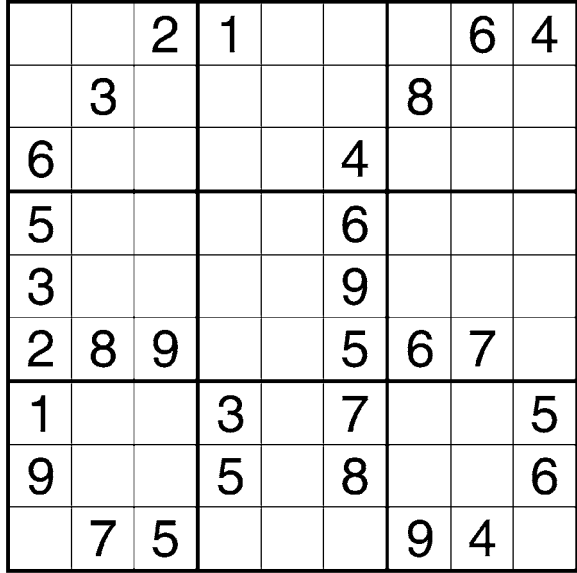
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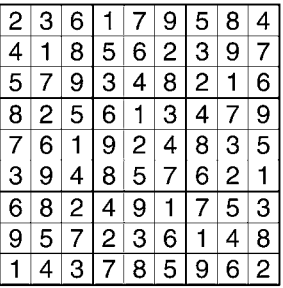
Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green



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Saturday's SUDOKU Answer



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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Steelers hold on for 27-21 win over Bengals



**CINCINNATI (AP)**—The ball headed straight for Jordan Shipley. So did James Harrison.

Care to guess which one won?

The often-fined Harrison lowered his shoulder and helped knock the ball loose from Shipley near the 5-yard line on Cincinnati's final play, preserving a 27-21 victory over the Bengals on Monday night that left the AFC North with an old, familiar look.

The Steelers (6-2) are again at the top, sharing the spot with Baltimore. The defending-champion Bengals (2-6) are in last place alone after their fifth straight loss, coming up one completion short.

Credit that last rib-jolting hit—legal all-around—by the Steelers' on-the-spot defenders.

"The defense held strong," said Ben Roethlisberger, who was 17 of 27 for 163 yards with a touchdown and an interception that helped the Bengals rally at the end.

At the end of a night full of foibles, tricks and missed chances, the Steelers turned to their one constant to finish it off. That unyielding defense came through again.

"This is how the Steelers play ball," defensive back Ike Taylor said. "We might get a blowout here and there. But we're always in tough close ballgames. As a defense we just want to close them out. That's what we did tonight."

Pittsburgh seemed to be in control when Antwaan Randle El threw a 39-yard touchdown pass off a trick play to open the fourth quarter, building a 27-7 lead made possible by the Bengals' many mistakes. Pittsburgh also had points set up by a fumbled kickoff, a blocked punt and a missed field goal.

Then, the Steelers turned sloppy as well. Roethlisberger threw an interception that set up Terrell Owens' second touchdown catch of the game, and Jeff Reed missed a 46-yard field goal try that would have clinched it with 3:59 to go.

The drama had just begun.

Last year, Cincinnati jump-started its perfect run through the division by rallying to beat the Steelers 23-20 on Carson Palmer's touchdown pass with 14 seconds left. When Reed's attempt swerved left, the Steelers got a bad feeling.

"They had Carson Palmer and company with timeouts," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "And that's a horror movie and we've seen that before."

Palmer led the Bengals downfield with the help of a wacky play. His pass to Cedric Benson was tipped, but the running back made a juggling catch for a 16-yard gain on third-and-long. Chad Ochocinco's 12-yard catch of the game moved it to the only catch of the game moved it to the 12-yard line.

On fourth-and-5, Palmer found Shipley open over the middle in first-down range, but the Steelers converged and squeezed the ball out to end it.

"I ran in the middle of two guys," Shipley said. "I felt like I had it, and they knocked it out of there."

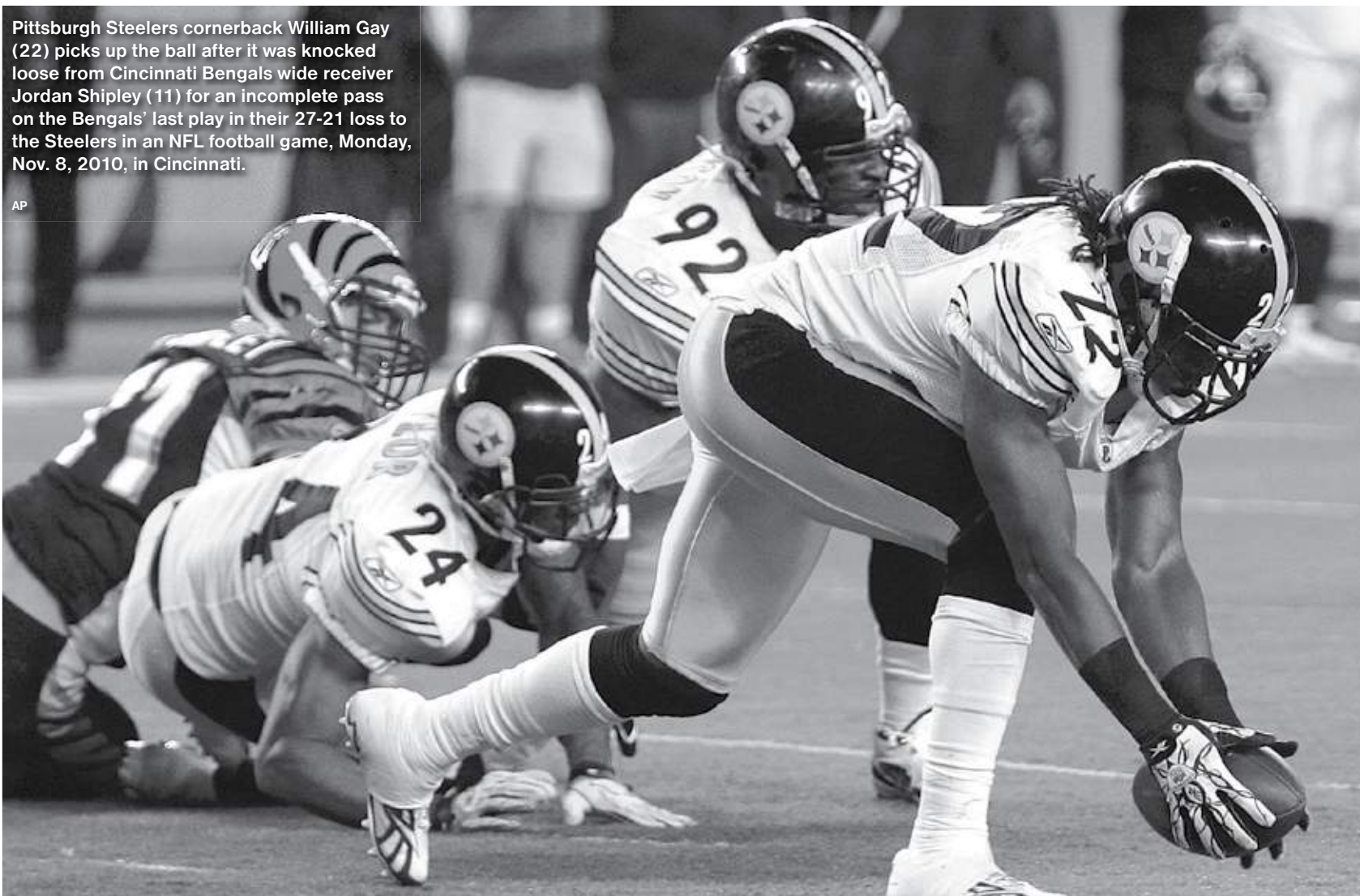
Palmer was 22 of 36 for 248 yards with an interception and touchdown passes of 19 and 27 yards to Owens.

"I think Carson played a great game under a lot of heat," said Owens, who had 10 catches for 141 yards. "He put the ball in there in tight situations. You look at the last four or five games we've played, it's been a play here or there that's made the difference."

It was fitting that Harrison had a shoul-

Pittsburgh Steelers cornerback William Gay (22) picks up the ball after it was knocked loose from Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Jordan Shipley (11) for an incomplete pass on the Bengals' last play in their 27-21 loss to the Steelers in an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, in Cincinnati.

AP



der in the final play. He got his third fine of the season, this one pushing the total to \$100,000, for a hit last week on the Saints' Drew Brees. The linebacker got summoned to Commissioner Roger Goodell's office for a meeting.

Goodell was at the game on Monday night, watching as the Harrison-led defense got the best of the Ohio River rivalry.

Eight seconds into the game, the Bengals already were in trouble.

The Steelers won the coin toss and deferred to the second half. Bernard Scott got the kickoff and fumbled at the Cincinnati 25. Pittsburgh needed only four plays to score, with Rashard Mendenhall pushing the final yard for a 7-0 lead.

When Scott held onto the ball as he was tackled during the ensuing kickoff, some Bengals fans gave a derisive cheer. They were incredulous moments later when William Gay burst through the middle of the line untouched and blocked Kevin Huber's punt at the Cincinnati 30-yard line—Pittsburgh's first blocked punt in two years.

Reed's 25-yard field goal made it 10-0, just like that.

"Initially, we created some opportunities for ourselves," Tomlin said. "You knew it was going to be a 60-minute game."

The Steelers lost two offensive linemen on a second-quarter drive. Left guard Chris Kemoeatu hobbled off with an injured right ankle. Center Maurkice Pouncey limped off with an injured right leg two plays later, but returned in the second half. Then, left tackle Max Starks went out in the third quarter with a neck injury.

With the backups in place, the Steelers managed to stay ahead. Roethlisberger threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Hines Ward, his 15th TD catch against the Bengals—Ward's highest total against any team. And Randle El's first pass of the season went for a touchdown that seemed to put it out of reach.

## Cowboys fire coach Wade Phillips

**IRVING, Texas (AP)**—The Dallas Cowboys fired coach Wade Phillips on Monday—the first time the Cowboys have dismissed a coach during a season.

Owner Jerry Jones promoted offensive coordinator Jason Garrett to take over the club on an interim basis. Defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni was promoted to replace Phillips' other role as defensive coordinator as Dallas tries to improve a 1-7 win-loss record.

Jones decided enough was enough following a 45-7 loss to the Green Bay Packers on Sunday. It was the Cowboys' fifth straight loss and the third straight that wasn't even close.

"I recognized that after the game we just weren't playing winning football and our best chance was to make a change," Jones said.

Garrett becomes the first former Cowboys player to take over the job previously held by the likes of Tom Landry, Jimmy Johnson and Bill Parcells.

"I am the coach and what we're going to do going forward (is) get ready to have a great meeting, a great walkthrough and a great practice on Wednesday and give ourselves a chance to beat the Giants on Sunday," Garrett said.

"There'll be some changes that will be tangible that people in our organization will notice right from the start," Garrett said. "The personality of the leader will come through a little bit."

Jones steadfastly supported Phillips throughout the team's tailspin, even saying late last week that he wouldn't make a coaching change this season. He said Monday he'd been "in denial" about how bad the club really is.

The first five losses had all been by a touchdown or less, which showed players were still fighting. But now the defense has allowed at least 35

points in three straight games, which hadn't happened since Dallas went winless in its inaugural season, 1960. Stranger still, the defense—personally overseen by Phillips—featured nearly all the same players who closed last season with the first back-to-back shutouts in club history.

"It really was paramount in my thinking that we would make adjustments and have our defense more productive," Jones said.

This is the Cowboys' worst season since 1989. It's destined to be among the worst in franchise history considering Dallas was coming off a division title and a playoff win and was expected to contend for the Super Bowl that'll be held at Cowboys Stadium. They also have among the highest payrolls in the NFL.

"I told (players) they should not think this an admission of defeat or finality in this season," Jones said. "We have eight games left and we have one goal—to win."

Jones called Phillips "somebody we thought so much of" and "a good friend, as well." He wouldn't provide details of his conversation with Phillips, and became emotional as he described breaking the news to the team. He said the focus of that speech was accountability.

"I spoke of the realization that it's not just about yourself," Jones said. "It impacts others."

Garrett's offense hasn't been much better than Phillips' defense, even before starting quarterback Tony Romo broke his collarbone on Oct. 25.

However, Garrett was viewed as the team's coach-in-waiting since he was hired—days before Phillips came aboard, in fact. He was among the highest-paid assistants in the league at

\$3 million.

"I do believe Jason has the temperament, he has the disposition to affect a culture change," Jones said. "This is important. We know all men's styles are different. His style is one that I feel can be very effective."

Garrett was a backup quarterback behind Troy Aikman from 1993-99. He was the quarterbacks coach in Miami in 2005-06 before rejoining the club in 2007.

He's had the title of assistant head coach since 2008, when he withdrew from other interviews to remain in Dallas. His father, Jim, spent 22 years in the organization, working for every coach but Phillips. Two of Jason's brothers are on his staff: tight ends coach John and Judd, the director of pro scouting.

"He's very consistent, very to the routine. I like him as a coach," receiver Miles Austin said. "Hopefully it changes things for the better."

Even if Jones wanted to make Garrett the permanent coach right now, he couldn't because of the Rooney Rule, which requires interviewing minority candidates. Still, Garrett obviously has a chance to show what he can do starting Sunday.

Wade Phillips released a statement thanking the fans and the Jones family "for all of the support" and thanking assistant coaches and players "for their loyalty and dedication."

"I am disappointed in the results of this season to this point, but I am also very proud of what our team and our players accomplished in the previous three years," Phillips said. "In good times and difficult times, our players stuck together and never lost hold of their belief in each other and the strong team bond that they have shared."

# Nowitzki's 25 points lead Mavericks past Celtics



**DALLAS (AP)**—Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points, including the go-ahead jumper with less than 20 seconds to play, and the Dallas Mavericks snapped Boston's five-game winning streak with a 89-87 victory over the Celtics on Monday night.

Jason Terry added 17 points, and Tyson Chandler had 12 points and 13 rebounds for Dallas.

Paul Pierce scored 24 points, Kevin Garnett had 18 points and 15 rebounds, and Rajon Rondo had 11 points and 15 assists for the Celtics, who'd won their last three trips to Dallas.

Boston held an 87-82 lead with 1:58 left on Pierce's 17-footer. But Nowitzki converted a layup, then Terry made a 3-pointer with 1:13 remaining to tie it at 87. Garnett missed an inside shot with 36 seconds left, and Nowitzki connected from 16 feet on the left wing with 17.4 to play to give Dallas the lead for good.

Rondo missed a 3-pointer with 3.8 seconds left, but Terry fouled going for a loose ball to give the Celts another possession. Garnett's desperation 3-pointer from the right corner failed to hit the rim.

After trailing by 10 at halftime, the Celtics used an 18-6 run capped by Pierce's wide-open 3-pointer for a 67-63 lead with 1:57 left in the third quarter.

Dallas finished the third with a 7-2 run for a 70-69 edge heading into the final quarter.

Midway through the second quarter, Terry swished a 3-pointer from deep in the left corner that he had to loft high over Marquis Daniels of the Celtics. Terry high-fived a fan, Daniels was whistled for a foul on the shot, and Terry connected on a free throw for a four-point play to give Dallas a 40-30 lead.

Dallas carried a 50-40 lead into halftime behind Chandler's 10 points and nine rebounds.

Celtics center Jermaine O'Neal missed the second half with a sore left knee. O'Neal started and played 11 minutes in the first half, contributing two points and three rebounds. O'Neal missed a game against the New York Knicks on Oct. 29 with the same injury, but had played in Boston's last five games.

The Mavericks were coming off Saturday night's 103-92 defeat to Denver, their second loss in three home games.

In that game, Dallas had 21 turnovers, seven by Nowitzki and eight by the team in the final quarter. Defense was another issue for the Mavs against Denver, with the Nuggets hitting 13 of



Dallas Mavericks power forward Dirk Nowitzki (41) pumps his fist after a basket during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Boston Celtics in Dallas on Monday, Nov. 8, 2010.

21 from 3-point territory.

## Warriors 109, Raptors 102

At Toronto, Stephen Curry scored a season-high 34 points and Monta Ellis added 28 as the Golden State Warriors beat the Toronto Raptors.

Ellis, the NBA's leading scorer, fell heavily after a collision under Toronto's basket late in the fourth quarter. He remained down for several minutes before being helped up and walking slowly to the locker room. Ellis topped 25 points for the third time in seven games.

David Lee fouled out with 14 points and 12 rebounds and Andris Biedrins had eight points and nine rebounds for the Warriors, who won their first road game in three tries.

## Magic 93, Hawks 89

At Orlando, Florida, Dwight Howard had 27 points and 11 rebounds as Orlando continued its recent reign over Atlanta with a victory in a rematch of

last season's lopsided Eastern Conference semifinal.

Vince Carter finished with 19 points and made two huge layups in the final minute-plus to seal the Magic's victory, the 11th in the last 12 meetings over Atlanta. Jason Williams also had eight points and eight rebounds to fill in for an injured Jameer Nelson.

Joe Johnson had 23 points and Al Horford scored 16 for the Hawks, who have lost two games in two days after winning their first six this season.

## Spurs 95, Bobcats 91

At Charlotte, North Carolina, Manu Ginobili scored 26 points, including a driving layup with 4.9 seconds left to end Charlotte's late comeback bid as San Antonio held on for a win.

Surprising rookie Gary Neal added 15 points, Tim Duncan had 14 points and 10 rebounds and Tony Parker had 12 points and eight assists for the Spurs, who nearly blew a nine-point lead with under 3 minutes left before

securing their fourth straight win.

Charlotte, which was 31-10 at home last season en route to the franchise' first playoff berth, fell to 0-3 on its home floor thanks to 40 percent shooting from the field.

Stephen Jackson and Boris Diaw had 15 points apiece for the Bobcats, who dropped to 1-6.

## Grizzlies 109, Suns 99

At Memphis, Tennessee, Zach Randolph had 23 points and 20 rebounds while Rudy Gay added 22 points to help Memphis defeat Phoenix.

Randolph was 9 of 16 from the field and led six Grizzlies in double figures. The points and rebounds were season highs for the Memphis forward, and the fifth 20-20 game in his career.

O.J. Mayo and Mike Conley scored 16 apiece for the Grizzlies, while rookie Xavier Henry scored 14 points off the bench. Marc Gasol finished with 10

points and eight rebounds.

Grant Hill led the Suns with 19 points and Jason Richardson finished with 17. Hakim Warrick and Steve Nash had 16 points apiece. Nash also had 11 assists.

## Bulls 94, Nuggets 92

At Chicago, Derrick Rose scored 18 points, including eight during a furious fourth quarter rally, to help Chicago beat Denver.

Luol Deng added 17 points and Taj Gibson had 16 points for the Bulls.

Denver led 80-74 with just under seven minutes left before Chicago went on a 16-6 run sparked by Rose.

Carmelo Anthony's basket with 15.3 seconds left cut the Bulls' lead to 90-88. Joakim Noah hit a free throw to extend the margin back to three points. Deng fouled Anthony, who made two free throws, to make it a one-point game with 11 seconds left.

Anthony led Denver with 32 points.

## Iverson arrives in Turkey

**ISTANBUL (AP)**—Former NBA star Allen Iverson arrived in Istanbul on Monday to begin a stint with Turkish club Besiktas, promising to give fans "something they haven't seen before."

Dozens of fans greeted the 11-time All-Star at Ataturk Airport. Sporting a Besiktas jersey and a Philadelphia Phillies hat, Iverson waved at fans from inside his car before being driven to his hotel.

Iverson, who agreed to a \$4 million, two-year contract with Besiktas, is the Turkish league's biggest signing. He has called his move to the Istanbul club "a chance to get back on track with my basketball career" after no NBA team was willing to offer him a contract this season.

Many see his stint in Turkey as a test of his ability to revive his NBA career because teams are likely to monitor Iverson's performance and behavior at Besiktas. The guard has said he still believes he can play in the NBA and hopes his performance in Europe will lead to another chance next season.

His career has been troubled by numerous run-ins with coaches and team officials. He's also had several legal problems that landed him on probation.

Iverson is expected to make his debut with Besiktas on Nov. 13 when the team plays Oyak Renault at its home arena that seats about 4,500 fans. The club hasn't won the Turkish league since 1975.

"They were great," Iverson told

NTV sports channel of the cheering Besiktas fans who welcomed him at the airport, adding that "the most important thing is to be accepted, to be wanted and to be appreciated."

Iverson urged fans to come out and support the team. The player also said he would be "interacting" with the fans as much as possible.

"Before I leave, I'll be speaking a lot of Turkish," he said.

Iverson is 17th on the NBA's career scoring list with 24,368 points, winning the Most Valuable Player award in 2001 when he led the Philadelphia 76ers to the finals. He spent 10 seasons in Philadelphia before moving to Denver and Detroit, ending up in Memphis last season.

He only played three games before returning for a second stint with the Sixers, where he averaged 13.9 points in 25 games. He took a leave of absence toward the end of the season to deal with some family matters.

Iverson was initially due in Istanbul on Saturday, but his arrival was delayed by two days, and a pre-match celebration of his signing at the arena was postponed. Besiktas said a light and music show to welcome Iverson will take place on Tuesday.

Iverson joins Australian guard Mire Chatman and Australian center A.J. Ogilvy on the Besiktas squad. The rest of the team is made up of players from Turkey, Russia and other Eastern European nations.

## Tour champion Alberto Contador faces doping probe



**GENEVA, Switzerland (AP)**—Tour de France winner Alberto Contador will be investigated for doping during this year's race.

Contador tested positive for banned anabolic agent clenbuterol in the final week of his third Tour victory in July. The decision Monday comes after six weeks of deliberation between the International Cycling Union and the World Anti-Doping Agency. The cycling body provisionally suspended the Spaniard in September.

The UCI did not call for Contador to

be investigated for allegedly high levels of plastic residue found in his race urine sample. Scientists believe that can indicate a transfusion of a rider's own blood.

"At the end of a long and meticulous inquiry entrusted to highly qualified, WADA-accredited experts, and considering all the information currently in its possession, the UCI has concluded that disciplinary proceedings should be opened against Alberto Contador," the UCI said in a statement.

Contador denies doping and says the clenbuterol, which can be used to burn fat and build muscle, came from con-

taminated meat he ate.

"If this is the news then it means we're on the way to resolving this issue," Contador spokesman Jacinto Vidarte said. "Now it will be time to either sanction or resolve Alberto of the matter."

Though the UCI tested riders at the Tour, national authorities have responsibility to prosecute doping cases. If found guilty, Contador would be stripped of the Tour victory and likely banned for two years.

The Spanish federation said on its website it will "immediately carry out ... all the necessary actions to investigate and resolve all the issues arising

from the doping control that was carried out on the cyclist."

Contador has threatened to quit the sport, regardless of the outcome of the investigation.

"Until the end of the proceedings and despite his provisional suspension, Alberto Contador still benefits from a presumption of innocence," the UCI said.

The UCI announced in September that Contador's urine sample from the July 21 rest day contained "very small" traces of the banned substance. It then asked WADA for "scientific support" before proceeding.

"For additional safety, considering

the very low concentration (of clenbuterol) detected, the UCI continued scientific investigations in collaboration with WADA," it said. "In particular, it conducted a series of new analyses on all the blood and urine samples taken from the rider in the period in question."

Contador won the Tour riding for the Kazakh-backed Astana team, then signed a contract with the Danish Saxo Bank SunGard team.

On Sunday, Saxo Bank team owner Bjarne Riis said in a newspaper interview he believed Contador would be cleared of any doping suspicion. Riis won the 1996 Tour de France, then admitted after retiring he used the banned drug EPO at the time.



# MISO Boys Volleyball League Finals

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Coach Emy Quitugua, standing right, and her Kagman High School players pose with their championship trophy during the brief awarding ceremony for the 2010-2011 MISO Boys Volleyball League last Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.



Kagman High School's Josh Jones goes for a kill during the first set of their title game against two MHS blockers.



A Marianas High School player tosses the ball up during the first set of their title game against Kagman High School.



Marianas High School's Genesis Mamaril stretches for a return.



Kagman High School's Justin Kumagai serves against MHS.



Kagman High School's Anthony Foster kneels for a return.



Marianas High School's Jason Limes leaps for a spike.



Kagman High School's Kroy Ogo goes for a kill.



Kagman High School and Marianas High School players exchange fives after the finals.



Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization acting president Nick Gross leads the awarding of the championship trophy to Kagman High School.



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## Wings Travel knocks out Buraot as playoffs start

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Third seeded Wings Travel knocked out sixth-ranked Buraot, 77-67, as the playoffs of the QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup started Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The first game between No. 2 Ferrera Builders and bottom-ranked Pacific Grocers was rained out and the second game between Wings Travel and Buraot had a late start because of the uncooperative weather.

The conditions not withstanding, Wings Travel took control early against Buraot as Brendon Talania scattered 10 points in the opening 10 minutes of the contest to give his team a 23-14 lead going into the second quarter.

Dave Sablan and Angelo Fernando, meanwhile, each delivered six points for Buraot in the first quarter.

The wet conditions slowed down Sablan, who was completely shut out in the second quarter. However, Fernando stepped up with 12 markers in the quarter that helped Buraot tie the score at 34-all at halftime.



Wings Travel's Bruce Berline wrestled out a rebound and goes up hard for a putback in last Monday's QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup wildcard playoff game against Buraot at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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Buraot's stingy defense also bit down and held Wings Travel to just 10 points in the second period.

The win-or-go home game remained close after the break. Sablan came alive in the third

quarter with 11 points, but Wings Travel still edged out a slim 55-51 lead heading into the final period.

Sablan continued to struggle offensively in the playoff period as he was held to only seven

points. Fernando, meanwhile, only managed a bucket and a pair of free throws.

The more physical Wings Travel quintet simply had more role players and they wrestled

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## Matansa gains share of men's league lead

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Matansa Football Club grabbed a share of the lead in the 2010 Men's Football Fall Cup after shutting out Independents last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

After a slow start, Matansa, which scored only one goal in the first half, found the back of the net three times in the second half for a convincing 4-0 triumph over Independents. The victory was second in as many games for Matansa, putting the team in a tie for first place with Inter Godfather's.

T. J. Gurung scored the early goal for Matansa when he lit up the scoreboard in the eighth minute. Then Matansa's second goal came after 42 minutes when Santa Kumur Tamang hit



Wild Bill's Brad "Birthday Boy" Ruszala, right, and Baek Du San's Guang Lin Li collide during the third game in the NMIFA men's fall league last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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his first and only goal in the 54th minute. Nine minutes later, it was Suriya Mongkhonrat's turn to score, while Gurung logged his second goal in the game in the 78th minute.

Independents' failure to buy a single goal in the game cost them a 0-2 start in the 10-team league. So far in those two losses, Independents managed to hit only one goal, keeping the squad at the bottom of the team standings.

### Paire 4, Tan Holdings 3

In the first game last Sunday, Paire Football Club slipped past Tan Holdings, 4-3.

Paire, which broke into the win column after absorbing a loss and a draw in its first two games, took the victory, following a three-goal output in the second half.

Tan Holdings led Paire in the first half, 2-1, after David

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## Orange Shuttle Masters perfect in Week 3

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Richard Asuncion delivered a win for the Orange Shuttle Masters during their duel against Green Buck\$ last Sunday at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

The Orange Shuttle Masters completed a sweep of Week 3 of the 4th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament after downing Green Buck\$, 8-2, last Sunday at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

The Orange Shuttle Masters posted a similar 8-2 win over Royale Blue last Friday and Saturday before they were paired against Green Buck\$ for their second assignment in Week 3. The Orange Shuttle Masters-Green Buck\$ duel actually began last Saturday with the former winning two of their first three games.

The tandem of Ferdie Arago and Lito Mendoza gave Orange Shuttle Masters win No. 1 after prevailing over Robert Reyes and Noli Santos in the doubles event. Then Richard Asuncion was given an automatic victory after a no-show from Carlo Conwi. Father and son Puy and Ezekiel Macario gave Green Buck\$ a win in the pairing after sweeping Eddie

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## Sonics tie Sparks on top; Ol'Aces now No. 2

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The Sonics and Ol'Aces routed separate opponents as the U19 division of the Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League continued Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Sonics improved its win-loss slate to 6-1 and a tie with the Sparks after blowing out Hi-5 in the first game of Monday's doubleheader, 60-45.

The team jumped out to an early 12-point lead, 20-8, in the first quarter as Melvin Cadiang and Bryan Ajoste combined for 13 points.

After the slow start, Hi-5

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Ol'Aces point guard Ryan Ichihara soars to the hoop for a breakaway layup in last Monday's U19 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League matchup against Hi-5 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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